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JUST GRABS A LIFE LINE

AN 89th minute goal headed by Joe Palatsides might yet prove to be Melbourne JUST's salvation.

It gave the struggling Blues a point they richly deserved, but never looked like getting against a strangely lethargic South Melbourne at Middle Park on Sunday.

But some of the bloom rubbed off as the news came through that fellow-strugglers Blacktown City and Wollongong had each succeeded in grabbing a golden point from Sydney Croatia and Sydney Olympic respectively.

Sunshine George Cross also clawed its way nearer to safety with a 1-0 win over Heidelberg that probably spelt the end for the 'Bergers.

South Melbourne has now slumped to seventh and a big question mark now hovers over its ability to contest the finals.

Melbourne Croatia rush to the top was also halted briefly, this time by the amazing Adelaide City, whose meteoric rise has now carried it into fourth place.

Croatia won't be disheartened by the setback, though as it went to Adelaide without four key players, George Hannah (suspended) and Paul Donnelly, Mark Talajic and Branko Milosevic (injured).

Talajic's injury which looks like keeping him out for the rest of the season is a bad blow, and it now seems likely that Con Opasinis will be idle for some time too.

Preston Makedonia celebrated its return to Connor Reserve after an absence of nearly twelve months by winning 1-0 to put paid to APIA's lingering finals hopes.

• South's Steve Tasios and JUST'S Joe Palatsides grapple for possession.

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SNIPPETS

by LES SHORROCK

THE feuding amongst our legislators reached a new low last week, with two of the protagonists who have been at loggerheads for some tim eyelling at each other across the table.

At one time it reached such a pitch that one veteran committee member got to his feet and said that if it didn't stop he was going to walk out for good.

The debate, if it could be dignified by the same name, arose out of Victorian League chairman Peter Crawley.

Crawley resigned, you will recall, because he became aware that a vote of no-confidence in him was about to be placed before the Board of Management.

Crawley also held the position sof junior chairman and Victorian deputy chairman and it was the question of filling the latter position that gave rise to all the acrimony.

State League chairman Lew Straface maintained the position was the prerogative of the State League and demanded a unanimous vote of confidence to take to the board, but Caulfield City representative George Zafiropoulos refused to agree.

The chairman interpreted this as a refusal to support the State League and, accordingly, called for a vote of no-confidence in Zafiropoulos which was upheld 12-2.

Zafiropoulos, who was VSF treasurer has now resigned.

Because of the upheaval at the State League management committee meeting, the same night's Board Meeting was postponed.

The State League Management had elected Michael Matticiotto to take Zafiriopoulos' place and had also elected a State League deputy chairman, but really they should have known better.

There is no such position as deputy chairman of the State League.

And since Zafiropoulos was still a Board member until he handed in his resignation the following day, the SLMC was equally out of order in prematurely appointing his successor.

Most SLMC members and board members I have spoken to since have welcomed Zafiropoulos' resignation in the hope that the feuding will cease but they also expressed the wish that his opponent resign too.

As one member put it, "I'm sick of these power struggles, I wish we could get on with running the game."

I'll say amen to that.

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GEORGIE'S PROMOTION NOT THE BEST

Despite the shocking weekend weather, going to the George Best charity match for Biala was a real pleasure for me, I only wish that, that for the sake of soccer fans and the charity itself that the whole affair had been more professionally handled.

So many people were so much in the dark over George's Best's appearances that it was a miracle that anyone at all turned out for the game.

Take the Best Press conference for a start.

I found out about it by accident the night before, only because I was at the Lions' rugby match at Olympic Park and met publicist David Robb. (Yes, I know that Olympic Park has been closed for soccer, but it was still quite suitable for all-in wrestling after a mis-shapen ball).

Robb was astounded that Victoria's only soccer newspaper hadn't been contacted. He doesn't realise how amateurish the game can be here sometimes.

Not being a soccer man himself he was equally astounded at the turn-out for the conference itself, held in his office which turned out to be woefully undersized for the operation.

Playing the game at remote, comparatively unknown Doncaster Rovers' ground might have been a big ego-boost for club president Ray Shew, it was an insult to George Best and it was a let-down for the rest of us.

After I learned about the match, I cancelled Sunday's plans (letting down other people in the process) and scrambled to get to Doncaster before hurtling back to South Melbourne for the last few minutes of the game there.

And allthe time I was asking myself how the VSF got conned into allowing the game to be played on a Sunday afternoon during the League season against all those rules and regulations that it is so fond of quoting when necessary.

Why, oh why, couldn't the game have been played on a Wednesday night under lights at somewhere like Ross Reserve for instance?

Whatever the takings at Doncaster I'm sure they would have been trebled at a more convenient time and venue.

Not that our masters paid much attention anyway, apart from George Wallace and vice-president, I didn't see any other VSF worthy at the game (maybe they were plotting the next coup?)

Mind you, I was lucky to get in the ground myself, because the over-officious fellow in the gate didn't know me and hadn't hea rd of this newspaper (what are we doing wrong?) and I had to plead that I was doing my tiny bit for the charity by donating a page in this issue.

As for the star of the circus himself, I think he was super.

Despite all the hassles that inevitably accompany these affairs, he was his charming, obliging self to the end, which means a lot to a working photographer . . . thanks Georgie.

But no thanks to those celebrities who promised to play and didn't turn out. The picture in Monday's Sun would lead you to believe that Ferenc Puskas played in the game, which he certainly did not.

He turned up at 3 pm, but he loves a photo.

The same newspaper also insists on giving Georgie's age as 39.

If that was true, it would mean he made his debut in the Football League in September 1963 at the tender age of 13!

Has the Guinness Book of Records been informed?

OFFSIDE CLUB WILL HELP

Before we leave the subject of charities I'm happy to say that the Offside Club committee has decided on the Biala Pre-school for Handicapped Children as one of its charities for the year.

At our last meeting we had our arms twisted by a certain loquacious committee member and we were happy to agree.

Will all members of the club and also those members who are about to pay their fee please note that the next Offside club lunch will be held on July 21 and is for members only.

It is tie-presentation day so no guests, only members please, lunch is at 12.30, don't make any plans for the rest of the day.

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SHINGUARDS TO BE COMPULSORY

From January 1, 1990 the wearing of shinguards in all competition fixtures, both senior and junior, under the jurisdiction of the Victorian Soccer Federation will be compulsary.

And the VSF adds sternly . . . failure by any player to adhere to this order will render the player and his club liable for action to be taken against them.

Are you listening Alun Evans?

I wonder if they can get Kenny Drakeford to tuck in his shirt as well? It does look sloppy.

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BUNDESLIGA'S REVOLUTIONARY MOVE

A revolutionary move could alter the face of West Germany's Bundesliga.

The League executive committee wants to introduce the league games played home and away in successive weeks with extra points allotted to the aggregate winners.

Should the scores be equal after the two games a penalty shoot-out would decide the overall winner.

A win will still be worth two points and a draw one, and a team winning both legs would get five points.

The idea is to try to half the alarming drop in attendances, and still has to be ratified by the DFB but it has already caused a lot of dissent.

One voice raised against the proposal is the very influential one of national coach Franz Beckenbauer who says "only people without any sense could have thought up something like this.

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WORLD CUP FOR WAVERLEY CITY

Mr John Milway, president of Waverley City soccer club announced this week that his club will be hosting the 1989 World Cup at its Sixth Avenue ground.

Italians can relax, that's not THE World Cup, but the Tony Kennedy extravaganza we're talking about.

The Cup commences on November 4, with the Finals on December 3.

Most countries of origin are getting themselves organised, but I understand that both Australia and England need team managers (Frank Jackson, where are you?).

For further information, please contact Dave or Joy Dunks on 762 3518.

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UNDER/16's FLOP

The Under/16's dismal flop in the World Cup once again raises the issue of coaching appointments.

As we have written several times before, there is no overall chain of command in the coaching system (for want of a better word) here.

Coaching appointments it seems are made on purely political grounds, not on ability or qualification.

Any limited success the under/16's have enjoyed in the past has been down to their respective Federation coaches and their own natural abilities, rather than from Vic Dalgleish.

And now it appears that Queensland's Bruce Stowell is being pushed forward for the Youth job.

Is this an example of the political patronage we can expect with a Queensland Chairman and a Queensland ASF Secretary?

What about a Fitzgerald Enquiry for soccer?

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CLUB MEMBERS BIG SAVINGS TO LONDON OR PARIS

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GEORGE, YOU WERE THE BEST

A 43-YEAR-OLD ex-soccer player flew into this footy-mad city on Thursday and found himsel facing a packed press conference.

Of today's crop of soccer stars, probably only the great Diego Maradona would be capable of eliciting the same degree of respect from the sporting media, and the odds are that even Maradona won't command the same attention twenty years after his prime.

But then, this slight, bearded figure with the engaging brogue and the twinkling eye was none other than Ireland's wayward genius, George Best.

As he handled himself before the assembled press with the same deftness that he used to display on the field, it was good to see a man at peace with himself after a life that could only be described as turbulent.

Best arrived in Manchester as a shy stripling from the back streets of Belfast at the tender age of 15 and disliked it so much that he went straight back home again.

Luckily for football he was persuaded to return and in September 1963 made his debut on the left wing for Manchester United.

Only seven months later he earned the first of his 32 Irish international caps, still a month short of his 18th birthday.

It was the start of a dazzling, too-short a career that saw him and the Red Devils ascend football's greatest heights.

In his first full season, 1964-65, he played 41 games, scoring 10 goals as United stormed to the Football League championship.

In the following season, United reached the semi-finals of the European Cup, but Best, already the target of some vicious tackling, missed the game through injury and United went out.

But in 1966-67, Best played all 42 games as United again took the championship while he scored 10 goals again.

But 1967-68 was to be Best's and United's finest year.

Although pipped by neighbours Manchester City by two points for the championship, United went one better by winning the European Cup, the first English club to do so.

Best played 41 League games that year and was the Football League's joint leading goalscorer (with Southampton's Ron Davies), notching 28 goals.

But the one he scored in that memorable European Cup-Final at Wembley surpassed them all.

Facing Portuguese champion Benfica, United had taken a second-half lead through Bobby Charlton, but Benfica had fought back to equalise and as the game went into extra-time United seemed drained.

But in the first minutes of extra-time Best all alone up front, collected a long clearance from goalkeeper Alex Stepney with his back to goal, pirouetted round his marker and coolly side-stepped the goalkeeper to stroke the ball into the net.

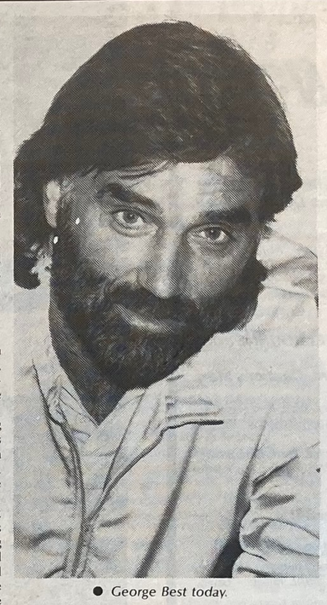
The goal shattered Benfica and galvanised United and the Red Devils scored twice more through Charlton and Brian Kidd, to run out convincing 4-1 winners.

Best was voted British Footballer of the year, then European Footballer of the Year, and he was idolised by millions.

It was in the swinging Sixties, and to most of his fans he was like a fifth Beatle, hair-cut and all, doing on the field what the Fab Four did on the stage.

It was Carnaby Street and all that and Best was part of the scene, investing in boutiques, mobbed wherever he went and it all became too much the cracks began to show, he more was likely to be in a night-club than on the training-track and acrimony crept into his relationship with the club and his mentor, Sir Matt Busby.

Best was never the perfect professional, never one to conform to rules laid down for lesser mortals.



● George Best today.

On the football field, genius was not too-overworked a description for him. He had it all, the perfect balance, the bravery, the timing and two equally good feet.

He could tantalise defenders like a matador with a bull and he paid for it.

Probably no player ever, even Matthews or Pele was subjected to more harsh treatment on the field.

It never affected his game, but occasionally the Irtish temper flared up; in his career he was sent off seven times, the only wonder is that it wasn't more often.

In 1975 he and the club he still loves came to the parting of the ways and he started his wanderings from club to club; Stockport County, Fulham, Hibernian, plus three years in the States and all to the accompaniment of a lurid press coverage that even Errol Flynn would have envied.

His departure from United marked the end of a chapter in the club's history that mey never be repeated.

United declined, and hasn't won a League Championship since.

That was the George Best of the Sixties and Seventies.

What of the George Best of the Eighties?

The mature Best says he is happy to travel the world like an ambassador for soccer, in much the same way as his equally illustrious ex-team-mate Bobby Charlton does.

Nowadays he copes easily with the press, having come to grips with his life.

Within five minutes of entering Thursday's Press conference he had a female journalist eating out of his hand and when she asked him the inevitable question coming up for probably the 5000th time "Do you have any regrets . . . is there anything you'd like to change?", he answered, "no,none at all", then added as a whimsical after-thought "well maybe I'd like a bit of plastic surgery, so that just for once I could go down the street without being recognised."

At the same time he is proud to be recognised, "kids who've never seen me play come up to me in the street for my autograph," he says.

Whilst he enjoys his present life-style, he is clearly disenchanted with present-day football.

"There is too much conformity now, he says, and the fun has gone out of the game."

"Back then, after training we often used to sit in a cafe for a couple of hours chatting about the game over a cup of coffee.

"Nowadays players don't seem to love the game any more, after training they just want to get off home to the telly.

"There was a cameraderie then that seems to be lacking now.

"I love sitting down with some of my contemporaries and talking about the game, but I can't be bothered going to watch it.

He is plainly unhappy about his old club, especially now that the dirty linen is being washed in public (referring to a recent book blaming present boss Martin Edwards for the club's decline).

Pic. Wayne Ludby

● Which way is he going?

● George Best, British and European Footballer of the Year 1968.

"In the old days those differences used to be settled in the club, not aired in the press," he says.

"That sort of thing is bad for the game and bad for the club."

"I flew a thousand miles to see the Superbowl, but I didn't go across London to see the Cup Final."

Ask him how he rates Diego Maradona and he is generous.

"Yes, you'd have to put him in amongst the ten best ever, I think," is the answer . . . then after a pause, "and the Dutch have two who might qualify too; Ruud Gullit and Marco van Basten."

As for the future, Best has a dream he says, to coach youngsters and is negotiating right now to buy a large property in the States where he can live and work.

"If we coach 1,000 kids and produce only two outstanding players it will have been worthwhile," he says.

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NSL DETAILS

ROUND TWENTY-TWO DETAILS

ADELAIDE CITY 1 (o.g. 34th) MELBOURNE CROATIA 0
At Olympic Sportsfield, Sunday. Referee Don Campbell. Cautions Kelic (MC) Flounders (AC).
ADELAIDE CITY: Zabica — Shillabeer, Ivanovic, Flounders, Tobin - Melta, Santrac, Villani, A. Vicmar - Maxwell (T. Vidmar 79th), Mullen. Coach Zoran Matic.
MELBOURNE CROATIA: Grgic - Davidson, Selemeides, Cannell, Opasinis (inj. Duzel 46th) - Valentic, Caleta, Biskic, Adzic - Awaritefe, Kelic. Coach Ivan Reznjevic.

SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 (Wright 38th) MELBOURNE JUST 1 (Palatsides 89th)
At Middle Park, Sunday. Referee J. Fearn. Cautions Mori, Tsolakis (SM) Durakovic (MJ)
SOUTH MELBOURNE: McLaren - Healy, Fernandes, Blair, Postecoglou - Mori, Taliadoros (Petersen 78th), Tasios (Dalziel 88st), Tsolakis - Wright, Trimboli. Coach Brian Garvey.
MELBOURNE JUST: Nikitovic - Mitrovski, Van Egmond, karic, Deankovic - Durakovic, Besvinovski, Crino, Murphy - Retre, Palatsides. Coach John Margarites.

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 1 (Morley 84th) HEIDELBERG 0
At Chaplin Reserve, Sunday. Referee J. Spiers.
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS: Keogh — Taylor, parton, Waddell, Ketsakides — Carter, Faulkner, McLaren (Morley 80th), Hasler - Lewis, Latif. Coach John Gardiner.
HEIDELBERG: Olver - Kanesoulis, Russell, G. McDowall, Ousalkas, Scott - Kouis, Campbell (Goutzioulis 75th), Stewart - Lucchesi, Gojevic. Coach Miron Bleiberg.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 1 (Smith 32nd) APIA LEICHHARDT 0
At Connor Reserve, Sunday. Referee D. Voutsinas. Caution Blagovic (Ap)
PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Traianedes - Roodhouse, Jackson, Tasevski, Jolevski - Petrov, Zinni, Runje, Markovac - Smith, Markovski (Michael 76th). Coach Andon Doncevski.
APIA LEICHHARDT: Pezzano - Ellem, Halliday, Radoslavjevic, M. Brown - Franze (Pisano 52nd, O'Connor 72nd), Blagovic, Hagan, R. Brown - Kosmina, Murray. Coach Michael Urukalo.

ST GEORGE 0 MARCONI 4 (Nastevski 31st, 40th, Colagiuri 70th, Gomez 84th)
At Maroni Stadium, Sunday. Referee D. Willcocks.
ST GEORGE: Gibson - Green, Koczka, Harper (Dimoudis 76th), Grbevski - O'Shea, Moffitt, Krslovic, Pottier - Ollerenshaw (Kakakios 64th), Ilic. Coach Frank Arok.
MARCONI: Hughes - Carter, Calderan, Wheatley, Colucci - Gomez, McCulloch, Katholos, Lowe - De Jong (Gray 74th), Nastevski (Colagiuri 61st). Coach Berti Mariani.

WOLLONGONG CITY 0 SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0
At Brandon Park, Sunday. Referee J. McConnell. Cautions Ingham (W) Georgakis, Polak, Lee (SC).
WOLLONGONG: Bouhoutsos - Skeen, Kotamanides, Vlietstra, Hollifield - Morlando, Pontides (Higgs 81st), Ingham, Crainie - Brodnik, Calbanese. Coach D. Collins.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier - Barrett, Hooker, Haniotis, Georgakis - Phillips, McGarry (Edwards 75th), Polak, Lee - Ironside, Saad. Coach Eddie Thomson.

SYDNEY COATIA 0 BLACKTOWN CITY 0
At Croatian Sports Centre, Sunday. Referee C. Bambridge.
SYDNEY CROATIA: Krajnovic - Savor, Jones, Rumora, Rezo - Petkovic, Clinch, Aelic - Slater, Arnold, Seal (Lamond HT). Coach Ron Corry.
BLACKTOWN CITY: Londos - Maier, G. Sterrey, Reynolds, L. Sterrey - Naumov, Odzakov, van Blerk - McKenna, Ferguson, Arambasic (inj. Gibson HT). Coach Les Scheinflug.

Deferred Game

BLACKTOWN CITY 0 WOLLONGONG 1 (Ingham 34th)
At Croatian Sports Centre, Wednesday. Deferred from Round 15, April 23. Referee R. Lorenc. Cautions Easthorpe (W), Watson, Bennett, Northam (B).
BLACKTOWN CITY: Watson - Bennett, G. Sterrey, Northam, L. Sterrey - Odzalov, Gibson, Maier, van Blerk (Naumov 69th) - Ferguson, McKinna (Arambasic 75th). Coach Les Scheinflug.
WOLLONGONG: Bouhoutsos - Skeen Kotamanides, Vlietstra, Hollifield - Morlando, Pontides, Ingham (Calbanese 75th), Crainie - Brodnik, Easthorpe.

● Zlatko Nastevski

LADDER

MARCONI	21	14	4	3	50	18	32
MELB CROATIA	22	11	5	6	39	27	27
PRES MAK.	21	10	6	5	26	17	26
ADELAIDE C	21	8	7	6	22	18	23
SYDNEY CR	20	8	7	5	18	15	23
St George	19	9	5	5	19	18	23
Sth Melb	22	9	4	9	40	33	22
Sydney Olym	20	7	7	6	23	19	21
APIA Leichh	20	6	6	8	24	29	18
Wollong. C	22	6	6	10	18	26	18
George Cross	21	6	4	11	18	27	16
Blackt. City	19	4	6	9	19	35	14
Melb. JUST	20	4	5	11	19	30	13
Heidelberg Un	20	5	2	13	15	38	12

NYL RESULTS

STH. MELB. 6 MELB. JUST 2
CLIFTON HILL 2 MELB. CROATIA 3

YOUTH LEAGUE LADDER

GEORGE C	15	13	2	0	60	16	28
ALTONA GATE	16	11	2	3	50	18	24
PRESTON	15	10	1	4	60	24	21
STH MELB.	13	7	2	4	49	19	16
H'BERG U/A	15	7	2	6	31	29	16
MELB. CROATIA	13	6	1	6	24	27	13
C'FIELD CITY	16	5	2	9	28	41	12
CLIFTON H	14	5	2	7	16	41	12
MELB. JUST	13	4	2	7	20	20	10
MALVERN C	15	2	2	11	17	72	6
CLAYTON	17	1	2	14	18	66	4

GOALSCORERS

17. Nastevski (Marc3p)

11. Kelic (MC)

10. De Jong (Marc)
Trimboli (South)

9. Adzic (MCr,3p)

8. Ollerenshaw (St.G,4p)

7. Awaritefe (MCr)
Brown.R (Ap,1p)
Gray (Marc)
Markovski (PM,2p)
Postecoglou (South 6p)
Spink (PM)

6. Bingley St.G)
Latif (GX)
Lewis (GX)

5. Easthorpe (Woll)
Ironside (SO)
Kosmina (Ap)
Lowe (Marc)
Maxwell (AC)
Mullen (AC
Stubbins (Heid)
Taliadoros (South)

4. Arnold (S.Cr)
Brodnik (Woll)
Hagan (Ap)
McCulloch (Mar)
Melta (Ad.C,2p)
Mori (South)
Retre (MJ)
Smith (PM)
Tasios (South)

3. Arambasic (Bl)
Caleta (MCr)
Colagiuri (Marc)
Crino (MJ)
Dimoski (MC)
Gibson (Black)
Lamond (SCr)
McKinna (Ap)
Lee (SO)
Milosevic (MC)
Palatsides (MJ)
Ricoy (Ap)
Seal (SCr)
Slater (SC)
Soper (SO)
Tsolakis (South)
Van Blerk (Bl)
Villani (AC)
Zinni (PM)

2. Biskic (MC)
Cokely (Woll)
Crainie (Woll)
Edwards (SO)
Gomez (Marc)
Hasler (GX)
Hunter (SC)
Ilic (St.G)
Koczka (St.G)
McGarry (SO)
Morley (GX)
Murray (Ap)
Ousalkas (Heid)
Radoslavjevic (Ap)
Saad (S.O)
Skeen (Woll)
Slater (S.Cr)
Sterrey.G (Bl)
Talajic (MJ)
van Blerk (Bl)
Vidmar.A (Ad.C)
Wright (SM)

1. Bennett (SO)
Bernal (SO)
Calderan (Mar)
Carter (Mar)
Dakos (SO)
Danzo (Woll)
Davidson (MCr)
Deankovic (MJ)
Denyer (Bl)
Ellem (Ap)
Faulkner (GX)
Flounders (AC)
Foster (SM)
Goutzioulis (Heid)
Ingham (SC)
Jackson (PM)
Jee (Bl)
Lazopoulos (MJ)
Lee (SO)
Markovac (PM)
Micheil (SM)
Morlando (Woll)
Murphy (MJ)
Naumov (Bl)
Odzakov (Bl)
Opasinis (MC)
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MAN OF THE MATCH:
● PHIL TRAIANEDES

Preston ends APIA Final hopes

Apia's fast fading final hopes suffered another set back today when it lost 1-0 to Preston at Connor Reserve.

Preston celebrated its first game at home in nearly 12 months with a victory that seemed certain to keep theclub in contention for the double chance in the 1989 National Soccer League final.

A 32nd minute strike by Preston's Steve Smith settled the issue as both sides tried hard to overcome the water logged pitch.

The deciding goal was created by diminutive socceroo Andrew Zinni, whose gloriouslong ball from defence dropped at Smith's feet.

Smith sped away from his marker and negotiated the treacherous surface before side footing the ball past Apia keeper Tony Pezzano.

Apia coach Mike Urukalo declared the game "a lottery" but knew his side was set for a struggle from the outset.

It went into the game without Pedro Ricoy, Craig Mason and Alex Bundalo which left Urukalo's team well below strength for the match with a high flying Preston outfit.

Apia showed its fighting qualities after half time, but did not have the man power to overcome Preston's defence led by goalkeeper Phil Traianedes, who was appearing in his 101st consecutive game for the club.

The Preston Club presented the 23-year-old goalkeeper with a plaque before the game to commemorate the event.

Preston paid a price for its victory as teenager Socceroo star John Markovski limped from the ground with a recurrence of his groin injury.

Markovski confirmed the severity of the injury after the game and said he was unlikely to be ready for Preston's next game against St George.

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SUNSHINE SUB BOOSTS RELEGATION BATTLE

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● PAT MORLEY

Sunshine George Cross substitute Pat Morley struck again to give George Cross a big boost in its tough relegation clash against Heidelberg today.

Morley, sent on for Don Maclaren in the 83rd minute, headed ina cross from Jeff Faulkner to score with his first touch and give Sunshine a 1-0 win over Heidelberg at Chaplin Reserve.

It was the second successive match that Morley had scored within a minute of coming on.

Last week against Melbourne Croatia his goal gave Sunshine a 1-1 score.

The win from today's match gives Sunshine 16 points and lifts it four points clear of Heidelberg, which remained bottom of the league.

With six games to go it now appears unlikely that Heidelberg will be able to fight its way clear.

Considering the importance of the match, Heidelberg put out a surprising line up without any recognised strikers and used midfielder Steve Gojevic and Claude Lucchesi as stop gap forwards.

Sunshine came close to scoring after 17 minutes when a Paul Lewis shot beat Jeff Olver but the ball came back off the post.

Heidelberg replied in the 32nd minute when Kosta Kouis got on the end of a centre kick, but his header came off the cross bar.

Sunshine had two claims for a penalty, first when John Kanesoulis pushed Lewis in the box

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Draw slows Olympic's NSL Drive

Semi-final hopeful Sydney Olympic was again off target and had to settle for a scoreless draw in the National Soccer League clash with Wollongong City at Brandon Park today.

Coach Eddie Thomson said although Olympic had been missing scoring chances all season he had expected to take both points against Wollongong.

Thomson said the side had left the opposition off the hook week after week because of poor finishing.

Even so Thomson readily praised Wollongong goalkeeper George Bouhoutsos' man-of-the-match performance.

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● GEORGE BOUHOUTSOS

Bouhoutsos made three top-class saves, one in the first half after a shocking back pass from teammate Ray Vlietstra.

Olympic striker Grant Lee moved in between the two Wollongong players and looked certain to score but Bouhoutsos moved quickly to block the shot.

While the loss of a point could seriously hamper Olympic's semi-final chances, the draw eased Wollongong's relegation worries.

To get the point, Wollongong had to defend doggedly in the second half with Mike Hollifield and Jock Morlando the pick of the back men.

Gary Phillips was the best of the Olympic players but his hard work in midfield was wasted repeatedly because of the strikers' inability to crack the Wollongong defence.

Referee John McConnell held up the yellow card to three Olympic players — Steve Georgakis, George Haniotis and Grant Lee as well as Wollongong midfielder Sean Ingham.

Weary Blacktown holds Croatia

Blacktown City managed to overcome the fatigue of playing four matches in 14 days and relieve some of its relegation fears by drawing 0-0 with highly rated Sydney Croatia at the Croatian Sports Centre today.

After dominating the opening 30 minutes with a polished display, the Demons equalled Croatia in all departments until the last 10 minutes, when their weary legs slowed in the heavy going.

"We knew we could hold them as long as we bottled up Robbie Slater," Blacktown coach Les Scheinflug said.

"And that is the way it turned out."

The kick-off was delayed for 51 minutes because Melbourne referee Chris Bambridge, who originally was booked on a 7 am flight north, was held up when two planes were taken out of service.

Each side demonstrated considerable skill in the constant end-to-end play, and each surrendered winning points by missing one golden opportunity.

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● RALPH MAIER

A Kurt Reynolds header for Blacktown appeared certain to find the net in the 59th minute, but Croatia defender David Rezo materialised from nowhere to clear off the line.

And two minutes into injury time Croatia's Socceroo striker Graham Arnold steered his free shot outside the post, after cutting cross-field outside the penalty box to elude the defence.

The Blacktown defence looked far and away the best it has turned out this year, with skipper Ralph Maier in particular playing with fierce determination.

Ante Rumora Marshalled the Croatia defence confidently, with the attack brightening up when Manis Lamond replaced youngster David Seal after half time.

Acting Croatia coach Ron Corry said Blacktown was lucky his team didn't qui'e manage to open up the opposition's defence.

"But the point wil be handy nevertheless," he said.

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SOUTH MELBOURNE DENIED VITAL POINT

Melbourne JUST gained a vital point in its dour struggle against relegation from the national Soccer League by drawing 1-1 with South Melbourne at Middle Park.

South Melbourne needed the two points to strengthen its bid for a place in the finals, and having lost 4-3 to Melbourne Croatia the previous week. South was grateful indeed when Danny Wright swooped onto a punch-out from JUST goalkeeper Zoran Nikitovic to score the first goal of the game in the 38th minute.

But JUST midfielder Joe Palatasides headed the equalising goal from a cross by defender Gary Van Egmond, thwarting South's ambition in the last minute of play.

Earlier, JUST had played a conscientious marking game and dominated play after falling behind, but luck deserted it in attack until the final moments.

Twice it had appeals for a penalty turned down by referee Jim Fearn, and in another incident a shot by Carlos Retre bounced down off the cross bar and was cleared by Wright, while his teammates tried without success to persuade Fearn the ball had bounced over the goalline before it was clear.

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● GARY VAN EGMOND

JUSt had some of the best players of the game in striker Retre, sweeper Mehmet Durakovic, midfielder Oscar Crino and defender van Egmond, who marked star striker Paul Trimboli out of the game.

Palatsides, shifted from attack to midfield, also contributed significantly working tirelessly all over the field before heading JUST's all-important goal.

South Melbourne striker Kimon Taliadoros had the chance to wrap up the match in the 39th minute, seconds after Wright had scored, when goalkeeper Nikitovic could only block a low free kick from Peter Tsolakis and was at the mercy of Taliadoros who stormed onto the loose ball.

Nikitovic, however, reacted appropriately to again block the all although he was still on the ground.

South Melbourne goalkeeper Bruce MacLaren similarly made a brilliant save, punching a header from Retre over the bar in the 56th minute.

Beaten in midfield, South Melbourne made two changes, bringing on Mike Petersen and Gordon Dalziel for Taliadoros and Steve Tassios.

ADCITY'S THIRD HOME WIN

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● MATE GRGIC

An own goal from Melbourne Coratia's Frances Awaritefe late in the first half gave Adelaide City a

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RESULTS

DIVISION ONE MORNING
Altona Ilinden 2 Foot. Un 0 (0-2)
ANZ Bank 0 Highpoint 2 (2-2)
Aust.Air. 4 Northcote Utd 1 (1-1)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
HIGHPOINT	8	7	0	1	22	3	14
FOOTSCRAY UNITED	8	5	1	2	20	9	11
ALTONA ILINDEN	8	5	1	2	12	5	11
AUSTN AIRLINES	8	4	1	3	18	15	9
FIBREMAKERS UTD	7	4	1	2	11	10	9
ANZ BANK	8	3	2	3	7	9	8
MONTROSE	7	3	0	4	12	11	6
APOLLO UNITED	7	2	0	5	16	24	4
MIDDLE PARK	7	0	2	5	7	21	2
NORTHCOTE UTD	8	1	0	7	10	28	2
RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
HIGHPOINT	8	4	4	0	23	6	12
FOOTSCRAY UNITED	8	5	2	1	23	13	12
AUSTN AIRLINES	8	3	5	0	22	10	11
ANZ BANK	8	3	4	1	18	11	10
MONTROSE	7	3	3	1	13	9	9
APOLLO UNITED	7	3	2	2	15	13	8
MIDDLE PARK	7	2	1	4	14	14	5
ALTONA ILINDEN	8	1	3	4	10	23	5
NORTHCOTE UTD	8	0	3	5	6	24	3
FIBREMAKERS UTD	7	0	1	6	6	27	1

DIVISION ONE AFTERNOON
Flamingo 2 Hampton P U 4 (1-3)
Glenr. Doxa U 2 Thomast. 2
Windsor 1 Coomoora Sp 4 (2-1)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
HAMPTON PARK UTD	8	6	1	1	25	12	13
WINDSOR	8	6	0	2	27	16	12
COOMOORA SPIDERS	8	5	1	2	26	16	11
GLENROY DOXA UTD	8	4	2	2	17	18	10
THOMASTOWN UTD	8	3	2	3	23	22	8
MELB RUMANIA	7	3	0	4	15	16	6
FLAMINGO	8	1	4	3	15	22	6
YOUTH UNITED	7	1	2	4	21	23	4
ROWVILLE UNITED	7	1	1	5	18	23	3
S'VALE EAGLES	7	1	1	5	10	29	3
RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
WINDSOR	8	6	1	1	19	9	13
FLAMINGO	8	5	1	2	24	14	11
S'VALE EAGLES	7	4	2	1	21	10	10
MELB RUMANIA	7	4	0	3	17	19	8
GLENROY DOXA UTD	7	3	1	3	10	9	7
ROWVILLE UNITED	7	3	0	4	19	15	6
HAMPTON PARK UTD	8	3	0	5	13	15	6
COOMOORA SPIDERS	8	3	0	5	23	26	6
THOMASTOWN UTD	7	2	0	5	11	30	4
YOUTH UNITED	7	1	1	5	17	27	3

DIVISION TWO MIXED
Cretan Athl. 5 SB Spurs 1 (2-1)
Leros Un. 1 Swinb. 2 (2-3)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
TOTTENHAM	7	7	0	0	41	6	14
CRETAN ATHLETIC	8	7	0	1	31	13	14
HARAMBEE	7	6	0	1	40	17	12
OAKLEIGH CITY	7	3	1	3	20	14	7
MIDDLE EAST	7	3	0	4	15	19	6
SWINBURNE	8	3	0	5	18	25	6
S.B. SPURS	8	2	2	4	18	34	6
NTH X ST.HELENA	7	2	0	5	16	27	4
MELBOURNE PUMAS	7	1	1	5	9	27	3
LEROS UNITED	8	1	0	7	13	39	2
RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
TOTTENHAM	7	7	0	0	31	5	14
CRETAN ATHLETIC	8	7	0	1	23	8	14
OAKLEIGH CITY	7	5	0	2	26	15	10
HARAMBEE	7	4	2	1	12	12	10
LEROS UNITED	8	3	1	4	20	20	7
SWINBURNE	8	3	1	4	19	24	7
MELBOURNE PUMAS	7	2	1	4	12	13	5
MIDDLE EAST	7	1	1	5	12	18	3
NTH X ST.HELENA	7	1	1	5	9	28	3
S.B. SPURS	8	0	1	7	10	31	1

DIVISION TWO AFTERNOON
Nth.D.Sparr. 2 Dand.Un 0 (1-0)
Elw. Un 6 Bayside ATA 3 (8-2)
FTton Flor. 4 CSUV 0
Berwick U 0 KBRO B/Dan 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
FL'TON FLORIDIA	8	8	0	0	33	3	16
BAYSIDE A.T.A.	8	4	3	1	29	15	11
ELWOOD UNITED	8	5	1	2	21	13	11
NTHN TIMORESE	7	5	0	2	21	15	10
NTH DNG SPARROWS	8	4	2	2	15	15	10
KBRO BLUE DANUBE	8	4	1	3	12	8	9
BERWICK UNITED	8	3	1	4	12	10	7
DANDENONG UNITED	8	2	0	6	12	33	4
OAK. CITY BAYS	7	0	0	7	8	25	0
C.S.U.V.	8	0	0	8	5	31	0
RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
ELWOOD UNITED	8	8	0	0	85	11	16
KBRO BLUE DANUBE	7	7	0	0	42	6	14
BAYSIDE A.T.A.	8	5	1	2	24	19	11
BERWICK UNITED	7	4	2	1	20	11	10
OAK. CITY BAYS	7	2	2	3	20	28	6
NTHN TIMORESE	7	3	0	4	13	26	6
DANDENONG UNITED	8	2	1	5	15	40	5
FL'TON FLORIDIA	8	2	0	6	10	35	4
NTH DNG SPARROWS	8	1	1	6	12	41	3
C.S.U.V.	8	0	1	7	7	31	1

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NEW LEADERS RISE FROM THE MUD

AFTER several days of pelting rain, many grounds were little better than quagmires, but at the end of the day new leaders had risen to stake a firm claim to the Division One Morning and Division One Afternoon championship pennants.

Highpoint did it the hard way, picking up a four points in as many days to bolt three points clear of Footscray United in Division One MOrning.

On Wednesday night at the East Altona Complex, Footscray met Highpoint to play its round four postponed match.

The rain, which started a quarter of an hour before kick-off, persisted through the match, becoming heavier as time went on. To say that this match was a tight and tense encounter is an understatement.

Both teams attacked and defended desperately. It was not until the 87th minute that the deadlock was broken. A tiny gap opened momentarily in the Footscray defence and Zelko Loncar was in like a flash to put Highpoint one up. The win lifted Highpoint to the top of the table, a point clear of Footscray.

In Sunday's round, Highpoint met ANZ Bank and was quickly into the lead through a ninth minute, Ivan Marusic goal. From then on it was a stubborn slog in which ANZ gave Highpoint the odd terrible fight, while Highpoint in turn, missed chances it probably should have taken.

The issue was not settled until the 89th minute when Marijan Sujster made it 2-0 for the visitors.

While all this was going on, Altona Ilinden was entertaining Footscray United and, against the run of recent form, giving it a lesson. Altona Ilinden ran out 2-0 winner, meaning that Footscray had dropped four points relative to its rivals, Highpoint, in just a matter of days, and had turned a one-point lead into a three-point deficit, which it will find exceedingly hard to bridge.

In Division One Afternoon, Hampton Park knocked over Flamingo 4-2, but would have expected still to be in second.

But Coomoora Spiders handed the Parkers a very welcome present by downing Windsor 4-1.

This reversal dropped Windsor to second, a point behind the Parkers. Coomoora Spiders, meanwhile, leapt into third, only two points off the pace. Although the Spiders win was unexpected, there was no fluke about the final result.

Glenroy Doxa United and Thomastown Unites, which might have crept a little closer to the leadership, will both be lamenting the multitude of missed chances in their highly-entertaining clash.

The score could have been anything, up to and including one usually seen on a cricket scoreboard, but in the end the teams had to settle for a 2-2 draw. Matches of this calibre are not often seen, and this one was certainly worthy of a larger audience than the 150 or so who cheered themselves hoarse.

The biggest winner in this round was H2O Unlimited. The Melbourne monsoon season had the last laugh in 21 of the 55 scheduled fixtures, but not all of the water came from above. Spare a thought if you will, for the luckless St Albans Wanderers, who could do no more than stand helplessly in the rain as a burst water-main covered their pitch to canoeing depth. There should be a law!

Among the key encounters washed out was that between Fibremakers United (which still has hopes of Division 1M honors) and Middle Park, struggling to regain some of its former credibility.

Also postponed was the long-awaited clash between Melbourne Rumania and Youth United. Not only was the Waverley pitch a mud-heap, but an open trench along the side-line where drainage pipes are to be laid (too little, too late?) turned mere peril into deadly danger.

While we can sympathise with the installation of drainage in the month of June, we must say that tearing up Flamingo's ground to install a sprinkler system leaves the mind boggling more than somewhat.

There is a certain sameness about Division Two. In Division Two Mixed, Tottenham — espite having its game postponed — is still sittin gpretty at the top, while in Division Two Afternoon, Flemington Floridia kept up its winning ways and has maintained a healthy break on its nearest rival, Bayside ATA.

In Division Three East, Dallas United recovered from a momentary stutter,

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In Division One Afternoon, Hampton Park

DIVISION THREE EAST
Ess. Tramw 4 Kew Deaf 4
Garden City 1 Laminex 1
Keeley Kings 0 Dallas Un 5
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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
DALLAS UNITED	8	7	0	1	32	10	14
LAMINEX	8	3	4	1	39	15	10
ESSENDON TRAMWAY	8	3	3	2	27	22	9
TAXATION UNITED	8	3	3	2	22	17	9
KEELEY KINGS	8	4	1	3	23	26	9
BOWATER	7	3	2	2	18	12	8
PRESTON TRAMWAYS	8	3	1	4	19	25	7
GARDEN CITY	8	2	3	3	15	21	7
WESTALL P.I.P.A.	7	2	0	5	16	23	4
KEW DEAF	8	0	1	7	16	46	1

DIVISION THREE WEST
Alt. Nth. Tarxien 1 Ardeer 1
Altona Heights 2 Whittlesea 2
K.Park Heights 1 Sunbury 1
St. Alb Dynamo 11 Nipp. 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
ST ALBANS DYNAMO	8	6	2	0	34	8	14
ALT NTH TARXIEN	8	6	1	1	19	4	13
ARDEER	8	5	2	1	19	9	12
ST ALB WANDERERS	7	4	0	3	20	11	8
KEILOR OLD BOYS	7	3	2	2	17	16	8
ALTONA HEIGHTS	8	3	1	4	11	16	7
K PARK HEIGHTS	8	2	2	4	12	17	6
SUNBURY	8	1	3	4	7	16	5
WHITTLESEA	8	2	1	5	16	27	5
NIPPONDENSO	8	0	0	8	11	42	0

DIVISION FOUR
Alex the Great 0 Elth. D.V 1
Epping Thistle 6 Sunsh U 2
Eltham D. Valley 0 Dingley Un A
Sales [illegible]

SUNSHINE M'DONIA	7	6	0	1	24	6	12
EPPING THISTLE	8	5	1	2	22	13	11
ELTHAM/D. VALLEY	8	4	2	2	24	12	10
ENDEAVOUR UNITED	7	5	0	2	24	13	10
ALEX THE GREAT	8	4	1	3	17	16	9
SUNSHINE UNITED	8	4	1	3	21	24	9
SALESIAN O.B.	8	3	1	4	17	28	7
FORD FALCONS	8	2	1	5	13	8	5
DINGLEY UNITED	8	2	1	5	13	34	5
EMBASSY TAXIS	8	0	0	8	12	33	0

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and is back to winning by comfortable margins, thrashing Keeley Kings 5-0.

Laminex, its nearest rival, could do no better than share the points with Garden City and now finds itself four points adrift.

Essendon Tramways must hav eused up all its strength when it downed Dallas United early in the season, as it has done very little since.

Its game with Kew Deaf was an absolute beauty, with a flood of goals.

The 4-4 result was an excellent reflection of a highly entertaining match.

St Albans Dynamo maintained its leadership of Three West with a display of utter cruelty. To thrash your visitors 11-1 is ot very polite, but that's what the Dynamoes did to a luckless Nippondenso. Really, boys, 10-1 was enough!

Although having its game called off, Sunshine Macedonia still rules the roost in Division Four.

Epping Thistle climbed a tad closer in downing Sunshine United 6-2, but will have to work even harder to get to the front.

Eltham and Diamond Valley was absolutely chuffed to meet Alexander the Great in Heidelberg United's main stadium. They tell us that they played to an ecstatic crowd of around 9000 (which we think is probably a slight exaggeration) and that they will be featured heavily on the Big Match (which we think is probably an outright lie).

Nevertheless, we are prepared to believe that they thoroughly deserved their 1-0 away win, and that the match itself was worth going a long way to see. The win has lifted the Valleymen into third, two points behind the leaders, but despite all their understandable jubilation, we think they will be hard pressed to maintain that position. A lot will depend on how Endeavour United cope with Sunshine Macedonia when their postponed fixture is eventually played.

Ford Falcons again failed to muster a full side (for the third time this season), and the future of this club which promised so much, must now be seriously in doubt. In the other match in this Division, Salesian Old Boys moved their match to Embassy Taxis' ground, and were rewarded for the effort by a comfortable 3-0 win.

The win lifted Salesian further away from the Wooden Spoon area, but left the Taximen firmly stuck in the basement. Perhaps it is time for the Embassy lads to switch to winter treads.

In the Reserves competition, High point and Footscray United, which are first and second, hold the same positions as in the main competition, but in this case are more evenly matched, as only goal difference separates them.

Australian Airlines is also well placed in Division 1M Reserves, being only a point behind the leaders, and having a healthy +12 goal difference.

Surprise of this section ar ethe Fibremakers United Reserves, sitting in 10th spot with but a solitary point. A much higher ranking had been expected.

In Division One Afternoon Reserves, Windsor heads the table with a two-point break on Flamingo, while the Springvale Eagles are perched a point further back.

Glenroy Doxa United Reserves, which have always been a power in this Competition are six points off the pace and anchored in 5th position.

In Division Two Mixed, Tottenham and Cretan Athletic Reserves, like their senior teams, are locked together on 14 points. Tottenham, which has the better of the goal difference, also has a game in hand, which it will probably win.

The Division Two Afternoon Reserves ladder is headed by teams whose first teams are much lower placed.

It has developed into a head-on confrontation between Elwood United and Keysborough Blue Danube, neither of which has yet dropped a point. than 11 per match.

Meanwhile, Keysborough Blue Danube Reserves have scored on average exactly six goals per game. The two teams meet at the Parkmore Sports Complex next week in true battle of the Titans. Having been offered extremely generous odds, your correspondent has put all his wife's housekeeping money on the Rivermen. We feel sorry for the Elwoodians, but really they haven't a chance.

Also up for grabs this week is the battle for psychological dominance of Division Two Afternoon itself. Although Bayside ATA lags three points behind Flemington Floridia, it can give itself a tremendous edge on the Sicilians by knocking them off in their home encounter.

No-one yet has been able to upset the Floridian apple-cart, and its combination has gone from strength to strength.

Even if Bayside ATA wins next week, it will still face the daunting prospect of not being able to afford a dropped point, and still having to win the return clash. The greatest advantage for Flemington Floridia is its virtually impregnable defence, which has conceded only three goals in eight matches. Meanwhile, its forwards have averaged better than four goals a game, which makes Bayside's task all the more difficult.

A brief note of sympathy for Vishwa Gounder, hard-working Secretary of Sunshine United. His father died suddenly in Fiji during the week. To vishwa, who has flown to Fiji for the funeral, we offer the condolences of his many friends and colleagues in the League.

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ROUND SIXTEEN DETAILS

ALTONA GATE 2 (Georgevski 60th, McMullen 70th)
MORWELL FALCONS 2 (Cassar 23rd, McBride 50th)
At Paisley Reserve, Saturday. Referee J. Hogg.

ALTONA GATE: Lee - Byrne, Markovski, Gagic, Momirovski - Ristovski, Tortevski, Kebakovski, Ilioski - Georgevski, McMullen. Coach Bill Murray.
MORWELL FALCONS: Reynolds - Byrne, Bruns, Bingham, Doyle - Cassar, Nelson, McBride, Manley (Weight 70th) - O'Donnell, Basara. Coach Bob McLachlan.
Ansett best player award: Manley (MF) 3, Georgevski (A) 2, O'Donnell (MF) 1.

ST ALBANS 3 (Eres 20th, Morovic 42nd, 80th)
THOMASTOWN 1 (Ragusa 75th)
At Churchill Reserve, Saturday. Referee E. Venios. Sent off Colina (St.A.).

ST ALBANS: Vunderl - Babic, Kuzman, Kupresak, Dragovic - Colina, Culina, Gagula - Eres, Morovic, Maretic (Pondeljak 65th). Coach Branko Culina.
THOMASTOWN: Janakievski - Regusa, Higgins, Mihailidis, De Propertis (Mihos 44th, Kapalitsas 75th) - Cristaldo, Athersych, Dougherty, Di Martino - Carfora, Sinclair. Coach Frank McAleer.
Ansett best player award: Kupresak (St.A) 3, Morovic (St.A) 2, Higgins (T) 1.

CAULFIELD CITY 0 BULLEEN 2 (O'Keefe 11th, Avian 21st)
At Princes Park, Saturday. Referee J. Rutter Caution Theoharous (C).

CAULFIELD CITY: Madjer - Bitsonis, Fattore, Dimovski, Filipou - Drakeford, Theoharous, Aretis, Zolotarev (Zemunik 55th) - Pappas (Abraam 78th), Deligiannis. Coach Jim Condilis.
BULLEEN: Riccioletti - Trogrlic, Krajacic, Curulli, Marsan - Angele, Ruccia, Manou, Avian (Dal Ben 64th) - Lujic (Milosevic 84th), O'Keefe. Coach Tony Vrzina.
Ansett best player award: Krajacic (B) 3, Angele (B) 2, O'Keefe (B) 1.

FAWKNER 2 (Raynes 25th, Sabatino 68th)
MARIBYRNONG 1 (Bonk 35th)
At Smith Reserve, Sunday. Referee J. Santa Isabel. Caution O'Dell (F).

FAWKNER: Terzini - Cosentino, Patricca, Schipano, Soumalides - Tubic (Sabatino 30th), O'Dell (Marchett 80th) Ferla, Campbell - Hanna, Raynes. Coach John Colangele.
MARIBYRNONG: D'Antonio - Farrugia, Innes, Czapnik, Pichner - Stevanovic, Nelson, Atanasovic (Przbyla 40th), Blicharz - Bonk, De Bono. Coach Lezik Djielakowski.
Ansett best player award: Raynes (F) 3, Bonk (M) 2, O'Dell (F) 1.

SPRINGVALE CITY 2 (B. Keenan 55th, Webster 65th)
GREEN GULLY 2 (Metaxas 20th, Harrison 60th)
At Ross Reserve, Sunday. Referee J. Fraser.

SPRINGVALE CITY: Brian - Fourna, Bissinger, Bryden, Reilly - Kral, Livingstone (inj. B. Keenan HT), Adams, (inj. S. Keenan HT), Webster - Armstrong, Tuffield. Coach Gus Macleod.
GREEN GULLY: Sant - Hogben, Cutler, Chetcuti, McMillan - Metaxas, Wilson, Pender, Smart - Harrison, Daley. Coach Willie Vassallo.
Ansett best player award: Webster (S) 3, Kral (S) 2, Smart (GG) 1.

FRANKSTON PINES 4 (Dick 18th, 27th, 55th, Ross 86th)
RINGWOOD CITY 0.
At Monterey Reserve, Sunday. Referee B. Grant. Sent off Wall (R. Caution McDonagh (FP).

FRANKSTON PINES: Waterman - Lipscombe, McDonagh, Gavilan, Weir - Ferris, Ross, Miller, Watson - Dick, Radecki. Coach Joe Sweeney.
RINGWOOD CITY: Blackley - Haupt, Nolan, Cumming, Verniers - Miller, McGuigan, Maguire, Corvan (Thomson 60th) - Wemyss (Groenwald 65th) Wall.
Coach: Hans Petersen.
Ansett best player award: Dick (FP) 3, Maguire (R) 2, Watson (FP) 1.

STATE LEAGUE LADDER

CROYDON CITY	15	9	4	2	24	6	22
ST ALBANS	16	9	4	3	20	8	22
JUVENTUS	15	8	5	2	28	13	21
MORW. FALC.	16	8	5	3	24	13	21
Altona Gate	16	7	5	4	26	18	19
Caulf. City	16	7	4	5	23	22	18
Green Gully	15	7	2	6	22	16	16
Thomastown	16	5	6	5	15	17	16
Northcote C	14	6	3	5	19	16	15
Bulleen	15	6	3	6	16	19	15
Ringw. City	16	3	7	6	13	24	13
Box Hill	15	3	6	6	14	19	12
Fawkner	15	4	4	7	10	17	12
Frankston P	16	4	4	8	16	21	12
Springv. City	16	1	6	9		19	8
Maribyrnong	16	2	2	11	9	34	6

RESERVES RESULTS

ALTONA GATE 3 MORWELL FALCONS 1
ST ALBANS 1 THOMASTOWN 2
ALL OTHER SCHEDULED RESERVE MATCHES POSTPONED

RESERVES LADDER

Altona Gate	16	11	3	2	36	20	25
Juventus	14	8	5	1	36	16	21
St Albans	16	9	3	4	32	15	21
Green Gully	14	8	3	3	36	19	19
Caulfield C	15	8	3	4	27	22	19
Morwell Falc	16	6	3	7	26	29	15
Thomastown	15	6	3	6	17	22	15
Bulleen	14	5	4	5	16	15	14
Franks. P	15	7	0	8	24	30	14
Northc. C	12	6	1	5	24	24	13
Fawkner	14	5	2	7	19	21	12
Ringw. C	15	4	4	7	23	31	12
Box Hill	15	3	5	7	19	31	11
Croydon City	15	3	4	8	20	29	10
Maribyrnong	15	2	4	9	15	27	8
Springvale C	15	2	3	10	11	30	7

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Leading goalscorers

10. McMullen (Alt)		Ilioski (Alt)
Pappas(Caul)		Kennedy (BH)
		Klepac (Juve)
8. Egan (Juve)		Kouremenos (North)
		Lane (Juve)
9. Morovic (St.A)		Lujic (Bull)
		McArthur (BH)
7. Basara (MF)		McIntosh (Croy)
Carfora (Thom)		McLelland (GG)
Humble (Croy)		McMillan (GG)
Woodall (North)		Maguire (Ring)
		Markovski (Alt)
5. Bonk (Mar,3p)		Muir (Ring)
Dick (FP)		Patiniotis (North)
Incantalupo (Bull)		Patterson (Juve)
Scott (Croy)		Pender (GG)
		Pondeljak (St.A)
4. Eres (St.A)		Raynes (Fawk)
Gagula (St.A)		Sabatino (Fawk)
Glockner (Juve)		Stirton (FP)
Harrison (GG)		Trogrlic (Bull)
McBride (MF)		Wall (Ring)
Metaxas (GG)		Warszawski (MF)
van Egmond (Croy)		
Watson (FP)	1.	Armstrong (S'vale)
		Aslimovski (Alt)
3. Athersych (Thom)		Avian (Bull)
Bozikas (Bull)		Belic (Juve)
Daley (GG)		Bitsonis (Caul)
Davie (Ring)		Bothwell (FP)
Deligiannis (Caul)		Bruns (MF)
Drakeford (Caul)		Bryden (B'vale)
Emmanuele (Fawk)		Burlak (North)
Georgevski (Alt)		Cassar (MF)
Hanna (Fawk)		Constantinou.N(North)
Herd (Juve)		Cristaldo (Thom)
Keenan (S'vale)		Cumming (Ring)
McAleer (BH)		Curulli (Bull)
Nelson (Mar)		Davis (Alt)
Sokoluk(MF)		Della Rocca (Juve)
Theoharous (Caul)		Dougherty (Thom)
Tortevski (Alt)		Elsey (GG)
Tsangas (North)		Grimaud (FP)
2. Aretis (Caul)		Ham (BH)
Brimmer (Croy)		Hennessey (Thom)
Byrne (MF)		Higgins (Thom)
Campbell (BH)		Kebarkovski (Alt)
Cocker (Ring)		Lipiarski (Mar)
De Amicis (Juve)		McDonagh (FP)
Dobson (Croy)		McLeod (BH)
Egan (BH)		McPhee (BH)
Farquharson (G.G)		Maretic (St.A)
Filipou (Caul)		Micevski (Alt)
Findlay (S'Vale)		Minichiello (Juve)
Giaccharini (Juve)		O'Keefe (Bull)
Harris (North)		Radecki (FP)
		Ragusa (Thom)
		Roodhouse (Croy)
		Ross (FP)
		Ristovski (Alt)
		Sweeney (FP)
		Thodis (North)
		Thomas (BH)
		Todoroski (Alt)
		Verachia (Spr)
		Webster (S'vale)

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22.Kupresak (St.A)	5.	Bitsonis (Caul)
		Bryden (B'vale)
21.Pender (GG)		Cassar (MF)
		Egan (Juve)
18.van Egmond (Croy)		Gagula (St.A)
		Kouremenos (North)
17.Drakeford (Caul)		McArthur (BH)
		May (Ring)
15.Byrne (MF)		Patterson (Juve)
		Terzini (Fawk)
14.Lujic (Bull)		
McMullen (Alt)	4.	Adams (B'vale)
		Babic (St.A)
13.Corvan (Ring)		Brimmer (Croy)
Humble (Croy)		Campbell(Fawk)
		Contini (Bull)
12.Cooper (BH)		Cosentino (Fawk)
Harris (North)		Culina (St.A)
Lane (Juve)		Davidson (BH)
		Incantalupo (Bull)
11.Brian (S'vale)		Janakievski (Thom)
McIntosh (Croy)		Kebakovski (Alt)
Maguire (Ring)		Krajacic (Bull)
		McBride (MF)
10.Athersych (Thom)		McLelland (GG)
Dick (FP)		Morovic (St.A)
Minichiello (Juve)		Nelson (Mar)
Webster (S'vale)		Pappas (Caul)
		Reynolds (MF)
9.Byrne (Alt)		Roodhouse (Croy)
Maguire (Ring)		Sabatino (Fawk)
O'Dell (Fawk)		Turudia (North)
Woodall (North)		Wall (Ring)
		Wilson (GG)
8.Brown (Croy)		
Herd (Juve)		
Ilioski (Alt)		
Krajacic (Bull)	3.	Bissinger (S'vale)
Morovic (St.A)		Cocker (North)
Nelson (MF)		Colina (St.A)
Sokoluk (Caul)		Constantinou.J (North
		Cutler (GG)
7.Bonk (Mar)		Daley (GG)
Carfora (Thom)		De Propertis(Thom)
Davies (FP)		Dobson (Croy)
Fattore (Caul)		Dougherty (Thom)
Haupt (Ring)		Egan (BH)
O'Donnell (MF)		Filipou (Caul)
Ristovski (Alt)		Hennessy (Thom)
Watson (FP)		Innes (Mar)
		Lipiarski (Mar)
6.Basara (MF)		Mihos (Thom)
Belic (Juve)		Palmaricciotti (North)
Blackley (Ring)		Patricca (Fawk)
Bozic (St.A)		Pondeljak (St.A)
Czapnik (Mar)		Ragusa (Thom)
Harrison (GG)		Ross (FP)
McKinlay (BH)		Runje.G (Croy)
Miller (FP)		Simovic (St.A)
Patiniotis (North)		Stirton (FP)
Simovic (St.A)		Theoharous (Caul)
Trogrlic (Bull)		Todorovski (Alt)

Rain wipes out top clash

ALTHOUGH the rain continued to tumble down for the second week in succession, making this the wettest June in nine years with another week to go, thankfully it had little effect on the State League programme, with only two games having to be postponed.

By BRIAN JAMES

The big disappointment was of course, the cancellation of the Croydon City v Juventus clash, but, on reflection, that might not be so bad.

If that game is reserved for the end of the season, it might provide a fitting climax to an enthralling struggle for the title, and a game that deserves to be played in good conditions.

As our faithful Croydon correspondent John Herring points out, Croydon will have moved next year to its new home at Dorset Gardens, which he claims will be the best all-weather pitch in the country.

The Saints moment of truth might come early in September when they meet Croydon and Juventus in consecutive weeks.

Morwell Falcons are still hanging in there too, but they have frittered away a few valuable points late in the game, notably at Ringwood and again at Altona last week.

It must be a worry to coach Bob McLachlan, but he says he is pleased with the look of his newest recruit Ron Manley from Ireland.

Manley set up Falcons' first goal on Saturday, scored by Effie Cassar and Webster all got on the score-sheet.

The turn-up of the round came at Princes Park, where the mercurial unpredictable and totally unreliable Caulfield surrendered feebly to struggling Bulleen.

What delighted Bulleen coach Tony Vrzina most, though, apart from the fact that his team had done the double over Caulfield, was the form of new English striker Lee O'Keefe.

Down at the sharp end, battling Springvale hampered by a mounting injury list that Gus Macleod doesn't want to talk about, gained another very precious point, but wins by Frankston Pines and Fawkner took off some of the gloss.

Springvale takes on Maribyrnong this week at Raleigh Reserve, where its biggest danger could be the Phantom Pilferer. (Don't take the family jewels, boys.)

"We were a bit surprised when we saw him," he says.

"We thought all English strikers were big strapping fellows, but he's very skinny."

If the Vales can't beat disjointed Maribyrnong, they don't deserve to stay in the League.

My friendly fly on the wall at Maribyrnong tells me the latest player to quit in disgust is Ricky Lipiarski who has been with the club for 17 years.

Finally, spare a thought for the League's real unfortunates . . . the players in the Reserves.

Some of them, like the Northcote boys, have had so many matches postponed through the bad weather that they must be forgetting how to play.

Northcote is now four games behind and of course those games will never be played.

What the Federation usually does in cases like that is call the game a draw and share the points, but that isn't much consolation if you like to play is it?

Because of the closure for the rest of the month of Olympic Park, please note

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VICTORIAN YOUTH XI 1989
Mr Tim White, Dean Faic, Adam Inglese, Frank Talia, Joe Rados, Vitale Ferrante, Kris Trajanovski, Joe Doherty (team manager), Tony Dunkerly (coach). Hus Skendorvic, Laurence Kindter, Spiros Kollevris, Sunny Severn, Louis Bekaris, Jason Koliba.
Missing: Willie Hastie, Robert Spasevski, Robert Stojevski, Dennis Mihos.

Meanwhile, the silver lining for Croydon is that with three consecutive home matches coming up in July against Box Hill, Thomastown and Green Gully on the 2nd, 9th and 16th respectively, there is time for the ground to be brought up to scratch again (if we don't have a wet July, that is).

Of course, over St Albans way and down in the Valley also, any discussion about the title race being a two-club affair is dismissed as premature.

St Albans disposed of Thomastown in a thoroughly efficient manner to climb into second spot, with Dennis the Menace grabbing two goals.

Considering that, this season, St Albans has lost players of the calibre of Ivan Duzel, Ivan Kelic and Mate Grgic, not to mention the tremendous internal turmoil the club went through pre-season, its coach Branko Culina is to be congratulated on its progress so far.

Just outside the four, Altona Gate, is still making its presence felt and even if it doesn't make the final four, its performance so far has been a credit to mild-mannered Bill Murray.

For a first season with a new club, Murray has done remarkably well, and he knows all the players' surnames by now, and that's no mean feat.

His striker, Gary McMullen is the find of the season and could top the goalscorers list, but Billy must be worrying ohw long he can keep him.

Probably the most surprising aspect of last weekend's round was that the heavy conditions didn't hamper the leading strikers.

Pines' Ally Dick banged in three, Morovic got two, and Gary McMullen, Jim McBride, Willie Raynes, Kevin Harrison and Stan looks the goods,

"Nevertheless, he's very skilful and he's proved he has a nose for goals.

"With a bit of luck he could have got a hat-trick."

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M'gte	V	W'bee	
D'nong	0 V	E'don	1
Knox	1 V	S'han	2
N'wad	2 V	W.Subs	3
Albion	1 V	Oakl'h	1
Mord	V	M'bark	
B'mead	2 V	Dove'n	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
M'bark	10	6	4	0	17	5	16
S'han	12	7	2	3	21	11	16
Albion	11	4	6	1	13	8	14
Dove'n	12	6	1	5	19	19	13
E'don	12	5	3	4	14	16	13
Oakl'h	11	4	3	4	16	12	11
Knox	11	5	1	5	18	18	11
N'wad	10	4	2	4	17	14	10
Mord	10	3	4	3	15	13	10
B'mead	11	3	4	4	11	11	10
M'bee	10	4	2	4	11	14	10
M'gte	11	3	4	4	7	13	10
W.Subs	10	1	5	4	7	14	7
D'nong	11	0	1	10	7	25	1

RESERVES

M'gte	V	M'bee	
D'nong	0 V	E'don	2
Knox	1 V	S'han	1
N'wad	2 V	W.Subs	0
Albion	3 V	Oakl'h	2
Mord	5 V	M'bark	3
B'mead	V	Dove'n	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Knox	10	6	3	1	30	13	15
Dove'n	10	5	4	1	16	10	14
N'wad	11	6	1	4	19	13	13
Albion	10	6	1	3	16	14	13
M'bark	11	5	2	4	25	16	12
S'han	11	4	3	4	28	21	11
B'mead	10	5	1	4	19	15	11
D'nong	11	4	3	4	13	11	11
E'don	10	5	0	5	13	13	10
Mord	11	4	2	5	21	29	10
W.Subs	10	4	1	5	11	24	9
M'bee	10	3	0	7	14	23	6
Oakl'h	10	0	5	5	15	21	5
M'gte	9	2	0	7	13	30	4

DIVISION 2
FIRSTS

Mav.C	3 V	S'bury	0
Geel	0 V	Keilor	4
B'ton	2 V	M'wood	2
Pt Mel	4 V	H'berg	4
C'ton H	1 V	Y'ville	0
Don Rv	0 V	M'raond	2
Coburg	2 V	M.Geel	2
Keilor	12	9	1	2	23	12	19
Geel	12	7	2	3	20	15	16
M.Geel	12	6	3	3	25	17	15
R'wood	12	6	3	3	23	19	15
B'ton	11	6	2	3	19	14	14
Pt Mel	11	6	2	3	21	17	14
Mav.C	12	5	2	5	21	17	12
Coburg	11	4	4	3	16	14	12
C'ton H	11	4	2	5	14	14	10
R'mond	11	5	0	6	21	23	10
S'bury	11	2	3	6	11	19	7
Don Rv	12	1	5	6	8	16	7
H'berg	11	3	1	7	16	25	7
Y'ville	11	0	2	9	4	20	2

RESERVES

Mav.C	4 V	S'bury	1
Geel	V	Keilor	4
B'ton	5 V	R'wood	1
Pt Mel	4 V	H'berg	2
C'ton H	7 V	Y'ville	0
Don Rv	9 V	R'mond	2
Coburg	1 V	M.Geel	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
B'ton	11	10	1	0	31	8	21
C'ton H	11	9	1	1	37	14	19
Keilor	10	8	0	2	26	16	16
R'wood	12	7	0	5	34	27	14
Pt Mel	11	6	1	4	29	17	13
M.Geel	11	6	0	5	24	18	12
Mav.C	11	5	0	6	21	19	10
Don Rv	11	4	1	6	28	21	9
R'mond	11	4	1	6	18	35	9
Geel	11	3	2	6	26	25	8
H'berg	11	3	2	6	16	22	8
S'bury	12	2	2	8	20	28	6
Y'ville	11	3	0	8	14	46	6
Coburg	12	2	1	9	13	41	5

LEAGUE 3
FIRSTS

S'vale	2 V	Lalor	1
C'sea	2 V	Holl Pk	1
Bell Pk	0 V	Elt/D.V	0
M'bin	4 V	Altona	0
Y'ourn	1 V	M'ton	0
C'inda	0 V	C/Geel	2
H'thon	1 V	S'ford	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bell Pk	12	10	1	1	30	8	21
C'sea	12	7	3	2	28	15	17
C/geel	12	7	3	2	19	8	17
Holl Pk	12	7	0	5	25	14	14
M'bin	12	5	3	4	15	15	13
M'ton	12	4	4	4	12	11	12
Elt/d.V	12	4	4	4	15	15	12
S'ford	12	4	3	5	17	17	11
Y'ourn	12	3	5	4	13	16	11
C'inda	12	4	2	6	15	22	10
Lalor	11	4	2	5	12	19	10
H'thon	11	2	3	6	15	19	7
S'vale	12	1	5	6	11	23	7
Altona	12	2	0	10	13	38	4

RESERVES

S'vale	2 V	Lalor	2
C'sea	6 V	Holl Pk	3
Bell Pk	V	Elt/D.V	
M'bin	3 V	Altona	1
Y'ourn	2 V	M'ton	0
C'inda	2 V	C/Geel	1
H'thon	0 V	S'ford	4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
M'bin	11	8	2	1	38	9	18
Elt/d.V	10	9	0	1	31	12	18
S'ford	12	7	1	4	32	15	15
C'sea	11	7	0	4	28	22	14
Bell Pk	11	6	2	3	17	13	14
Altona	12	6	1	5	20	19	13
C'inda	11	6	1	4	28	28	13
S'vale	11	5	2	4	23	20	12
Holl Pk	11	4	2	5	20	27	10
Lalor	11	2	4	5	18	21	8
H'thorn	10	3	2	5	16	22	8
C/geel	11	3	1	7	21	23	7
M'ton	12	1	1	10	9	28	3
Y'ourn	12	1	1	10	8	50	3

DIVISION 4
FIRSTS

Regent	2 V	Hamlyn	3
Boronia	2 V	Keysboro	2
Bent	3 V	M'town	1
L'warr	0 V	More.Pk	1
Brun/Iv	2 V	K'ingal	1
P'vale	1 V	Cl'ton	4
R'anna	2 V	FTGully	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bent	12	9	3	0	30	11	21
Cl'ton	12	9	1	2	35	19	19
Hamlyn	11	7	2	2	32	19	16
Brun/Iv	12	5	4	3	18	10	14
K'ingal	12	6	1	5	23	18	13
Regent	12	5	3	4	16	12	13
More.Pk	12	5	2	5	23	23	12
R'anna	11	4	4	3	17	21	12
L'warr	12	4	3	5	16	13	11
P'vale	12	2	4	6	9	23	8
FTgully	12	2	3	7	9	20	7
M'town	12	2	3	7	11	25	7
Boronia	12	1	5	6	9	25	7
Keysbro	12	1	4	7	10	19	6

RESERVES

Regent	V	Hamlyn	
Boronia	2 V	Keysbro	1
Bent	2 V	M'town	1
L'warr	2 V	More.Pk	2
Brun/Iv	2 V	K'ingal	0
P'vale	V	Cl'ton	
R'anna	0 V	FTGully	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brun/Iv	12	6	4	2	25	14	16
Cl'ton	11	7	1	3	19	14	15
L'warr	12	4	5	3	19	14	13
Regent	11	4	5	2	18	16	13
Bent	11	4	4	3	27	24	12
Keysbro	12	5	2	5	21	22	12
M'town	12	6	0	6	17	21	12
Hamlyn	10	5	1	4	21	17	11
Ftgully	12	4	3	5	20	18	11
R'anna	11	4	2	5	17	21	10
More.Pk	11	3	3	5	18	20	9
K'ingal	10	3	2	5	12	13	8
Boronia	12	3	2	7	14	22	8
P'vale	11	4	0	7	14	26	8

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE DIVISION 1
FIRSTS

E Geel	1 V	Mossf'	1
Malvern	0 V	N.Sun	2
S'vale	3 V	B'wick	0
W'mead	3 V	Wav'ly	1
Oak.Sub	1 V	W Vale	1
S Yarra	0 V	Berwick	3
Melton	3 V	Prahran	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
S'vale	11	9	2	0	25	8	20
Prahran	12	5	6	1	31	23	16
W'mead	11	7	1	3	20	14	15
Oak.Sub	11	6	2	3	25	18	14
Berwick	11	7	0	4	20	13	14
N.Sun	11	6	1	4	27	20	13
W Vale	11	5	3	3	16	11	13
B'wick	11	4	3	4	17	18	11
Melton	12	3	4	5	22	24	10
Malvern	11	4	2	5	15	21	10
Mossf'	12	3	3	6	14	20	9
E Geel	11	2	2	7	13	25	6
Wav'ly	11	2	0	9	12	25	4
S Yarra	12	1	1	10	10	27	3

DIVISION 2
FIRSTS

F.Hill	3 V	Lalor	0
Cranb'n	4 V	Glenroy	0
Monash	2 V	Br'tons	2
Altona Eas	0 V	S S'vale	1
S Dandy	7 V	Port Un	1
Ball't	1 V	Uni Melb	3
Ascot	4 V	F'kston	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
F.Hill	12	8	3	1	30	10	19
S S'val	12	8	3	1	25	7	19
Altona	12	8	2	2	18	14	18
S Dandy	12	7	1	4	31	19	15
Cranb'n	12	5	4	3	19	11	14
Ascot	11	4	5	2	16	10	13
Br'tons	12	4	5	3	20	16	13
Uni Mel	12	4	5	3	15	15	13
Ball't	12	3	3	6	13	23	9
Port Un	12	3	2	7	16	27	9
Glenroy	12	3	2	7	16	24	8
Lalor	11	1	4	6	12	25	6
Monash	12	1	3	8	9	23	5
F'kston	12	1	3	8	10	26	5

RESERVES

F.Hill	4 V	Lalor	4
Cranb'n	1 V	Glenroy	1
Monash	1 V	Br'tons	1
Altona Eas	2 V	S S'vale	2
S Dandy	V	Port Un	
Ball't	1 V	Uni Melb	1
Ascot	2 V	F'kston	1
Uni Mel	12	8	2	2	31	13	18
Altona	12	6	5	1	25	16	17
F'kston	12	7	1	4	24	16	15
S Dandy	11	6	2	3	26	15	14
Ball't	12	5	3	4	23	13	13
Ascot	11	5	3	3	19	14	13
Lalor	11	4	2	5	28	23	10
Cranb'n	11	2	6	3	14	20	10
S S'val	11	3	3	5	15	21	9
Glenroy	11	4	1	6	18	26	9
F.Hill	11	3	3	5	17	25	9
Br'tons	12	3	2	7	16	26	8
Monash	11	2	3	6	12	24	7
Port Un	10	2	2	6	13	29	6

DIVISION 3
FIRSTS

R'dale	5 V	Nth Clayto	2
Ringw'd	2 V	Carrum	2
Monbulk	0 V	Lyndale	2
Med.Pk.	1 V	Fitzroy	0
Kew	2 V	Altona	0
Bataan	1 V	W'tirna	1
Brandon	3 V	Mitcham	0
Fitzroy	12	8	3	1	26	15	19
Lyndale	12	8	1	3	31	16	17
Med.Pk.	12	7	3	2	22	15	17
Kew	12	6	4	2	18	13	16
Brandon	11	6	3	2	20	10	15
W'tirna	12	5	3	4	28	17	13
Bataan	12	2	7	3	22	22	11
Altona	12	4	3	5	11	16	11
Mitcham	12	5	1	6	21	29	11
Monbulk	12	3	2	7	10	11	8
Carrum	11	2	4	5	16	19	8
Ringw'd	12	1	6	5	15	23	8
R'dale	11	2	2	7	16	32	6
Nth Cla	11	1	2	8	12	30	4

RESERVES

R'dale	V	N.Clayton	
Ringw'd	V	Carrum	
Monbulk	4 V	Lyndale	4
Med.Pk.	6 V	Fitzroy	3
Kew	2 V	Altona	3
Bataan	4 V	W'tirna	3
Brandon	2 V	Mitcham	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Lyndale	12	8	1	3	42	24	17
Kew	12	7	3	2	31	17	17
W'tirna	11	8	1	2	30	17	17
Brandon	11	7	2	2	27	11	16*
Bataan	11	7	2	2	35	20	16
Monbulk	12	7	2	3	28	16	16
R'dale	11	5	3	3	23	19	13
Med.Pk.	11	5	1	5	32	24	11
Carrum	11	4	1	6	30	37	9
Altona	12	4	1	7	26	40	9
Mitcham	11	2	3	6	15	23	7
Ringw'd	11	2	0	9	16	30	4
N.Clayt	10	2	0	8	11	32	4
Fitzroy	12	1	0	11	19	55	2

AMATEUR LEAGUE DIVISION 1
FIRSTS

Balwyn	V	E Rich	
North U	V	L'robe	
Wav.Wand	2 V	Oak U	2
Phillip	V	Keilor	
H'thorn	V	Bye	
Diggers	V	Coll'wd	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
E Rich	10	9	1	0	29	11	19
H'thorn	10	8	1	1	34	13	17
Wav.Wan	11	5	3	3	30	20	13
Oak U	11	3	6	2	21	22	12
Phillip	10	3	5	2	19	21	11
Balwyn	9	4	2	3	28	19	10
Coll'wd	10	3	2	5	15	22	8
North U	10	3	2	5	11	23	8
Diggers	9	2	2	5	15	18	6
L'robe	10	0	5	5	18	26	5
Keilor	10	0	1	9	9	34	1
Bye	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

RESERVES

Balwyn	V	E Rich	
North U	V	L'robe U	
Wav.Wand	V	Oak U	
Phillip	V	Keilor	
H'thon	V	Bye	
Diggers	V	Coll'wd	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Balwyn	9	7	1	1	30	10	15
Wav.Wan	10	7	1	2	26	12	15
Coll'wd	9	7	0	2	36	15	14
Phillip	10	4	5	1	22	15	13
E Rich	10	4	3	3	34	28	11
Diggers	9	3	2	4	23	25	8
L'robe	10	4	0	6	17	26	8
North U	10	2	4	4	11	21	8
Oak U	9	2	2	5	21	27	6
H'thon	10	0	5	5	16	31	5
Keilor	10	1	1	8	15	41	3
Bye	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

DIVISION 2
FIRSTS

Mel.Uni	V	O Scots	
E.Hills	1 V	Yarra U	3
Upfield	12 V	C'corde	0
D.Valley	V	Maccabi	
C'well G	V	Furlan	
I'city	3 V	R.M.I.T.	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Yarra U	12	9	1	2	51	19	19
Mel.Uni	11	8	1	2	33	9	17
C'well	11	8	0	3	52	22	16
O Scots	11	7	2	2	32	18	16
Upfield	12	6	3	3	44	22	15
Maccabi	11	4	3	4	31	30	11
Furlan	11	4	3	4	26	26	11
R.M.I.T	12	3	4	5	30	41	10
D.Valle	11	2	5	4	23	21	9
E.Hills	12	3	3	6	24	32	9
I'city	12	2	1	9	12	32	5
C'corde	12	0	0	12	9	95	0

RESERVES

Mel.Uni	2 V	O Scots	2
E.Hills	V	Yarra U	
Upfield	V	C'corde	
D.Valley	V	Maccabi	
C'well G	3 V	Furlan	0
I'city	3 V	R.M.I.T.	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
C'well	12	9	2	1	29	13	20
E.Hills	11	7	3	1	26	16	17
O Scots	11	6	4	1	29	14	16
Furlan	12	6	2	4	45	18	14
I'city	11	6	1	4	30	9	13
Mel.cro	8	4	3	1	20	15	7
Melvern	7	3	1	3	10	19	7
Lalor	8	2	2	4	5	27	6
Preston	8	2	1	5	11	17	5
N.coll	8	2	1	5	10	19	5
N.cote	8	2	0	6	13	19	4
H.berg	8	0	0	8	2	32	0

UNDER 11
CENTRAL

MEL CTY	V	MORDI	
CLAYTON	V	BYE	
ELWOOD	1 V	E.RICH	7
B.MARIS	8 V	E.BENT	1
O.LEIGH SU	V	C.FIELD	
MORDI B	0 V	CONDORS	10

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
B.maris	9	9	0	0	77	8	18
Mordi	7	6	0	1	44	2	12
Clayton	8	5	2	1	47	10	12
Condors	8	4	2	2	34	18	10
Mel Cty	7	4	1	2	45	17	9
E.rich	8	3	3	2	34	9	9
C.field	7	3	1	3	12	14	7
Elwood	9	3	1	5	31	45	7
O.leigh	7	1	0	6	3	64	2
E.bent	8	0	0	8	7	58	0
Mordi B	8	0	0	8	1	90	0

EASTERN A

Cr'don.C	1 V	S'vale A	4
Mitcham	4 V	Cla'nda	0
Knox.A	5 V	Donc.R	0
Bulleen	8 V	W'ley.Cty	0
W'ley.U	0 V	F. HILL	1
B.Hill	3 V	Nuna.C	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
S'valea	9	9	0	0	78	3	18
Cr'don.	9	8	0	1	55	9	16
Knox.A	9	7	0	2	64	8	14
W'ley.U	9	6	0	3	41	13	12
Bulleen	9	5	0	4	35	13	10
Mitchan	9	4	1	4	33	16	9
F. Hill	9	4	1	4	20	19	9
Donc.R	9	3	1	5	18	41	7
W'ley.C	9	2	1	6	10	58	5
Cla'nda	9	1	1	7	3	49	3
Nuna.C	9	1	1	7	14	71	3
B.Hill	9	1	0	8	5	76	2

EASTERN B

B,DON PK	2 V	S,BROCK	0
KNOX CITY C	1 V	ELTHAM	4
KNOX CITY B	0 V	M,BARK	0
BORONIA	0 V	OAKLEIGH	12
H,TON PK	10 V	BRI,TON	0
S,VALE CTY	1 V	G/W.LEY	4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
M,bark	8	6	2	0	35	1	14
G/W.Ley	8	6	1	1	34	10	13
H,ton P	8	6	0	2	40	9	12
Oakleig	8	4	3	1	26	8	11
Eltham	8	5	1	2	19	8	11
B,don P	7	3	2	2	15	10	8
Boronia	8	3	2	3	10	24	8
Knox Ct	7	2	3	2	25	9	7
S,vale	8	3	1	4	15	23	7
Knox Ct	8	1	1	6	8	40	3
S,brook	8	0	0	8	5	36	0
Bri.ton	8	0	0	8	3	57	0

NORTHERN

MEL,CROATI	4 V	H,BERG UTD	0
N,COTE CTY	5 V	PRESTON A	4
LALOR	V	BYE	
T,TOWN	V	MALVERN	
B.U.JUVE	0 V	FAWKNER	0
LALOR UTD	4 V	N,COLL UTD	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Fawkner	8	7	1	0	33	1	15
B.U.Juv	9	5	4	0	21	3	14
Lalor U	8	5	3	0	14	5	13
T.town	8	5	2	1	23	5	12
Mel.cro	8	2	3	3	7	20	15*
Melvern	7	3	1	3	10	19	7
Lalor	8	2	2	4	5	27	6
Preston	8	2	1	5	11	17	5
N.cote	8	2	0	6	13	19	4
H.berg	8	0	0	8	2	32	0

NTH/WEST A

MES,GATE	0 V	MED,PARK	2
H,BERG B	0 V	ESS,DON	14
E/BUNS/IHO	0 V	REGENT	3
SYE	V	WEST SUBS	
BYE	V	SUNBURY	
SYD,PARK	0 V	NTH,RES	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
West Su	8	7	0	1	65	5	14
Nth,res	7	7	0	0	63	3	14
Ess,don	8	6	0	2	47	10	12
Regent	9	6	0	3	24	22	12
Syd,par	7	3	1	3	13	12	7
Sunbury	7	3	0	4	12	19	6
Med,par	7	2	1	4	3	19	5
Mes,gat	7	1	0	6	7	29	2
E/buns/	7	1	0	6	7	48	2
H,berg	7	0	0	7	0	74	0

NTH/WEST B

KEON PARK	V	SUN,PARK	
N,COTE CTY	0 V	WESTVALE	8
R.ANNA	14 V	ALTONA EAS	0
Y,VILLE B	0 V	M,MEDS	3
PRESTON B	4 V	G,GULLY	0
LALOR UTD	1 V	MACCABI	6
Sun,par	8	8	0	0	45	2	16
M,meds	9	6	2	1	24	8	14
Westval	9	5	3	1	44	5	13
Keon Pa	8	6	1	1	24	4	13
R,anna	9	5	1	3	36	14	11
Maccabi	9	4	3	2	28	13	11
Preston	9	4	1	4	18	21	9
G,gully	9	2	1	6	9	42	5
Lalor U	9	1	2	6	11	26	4
Y,ville	9	1	2	6	5	34	4
N,cote	8	1	1	6	9	33	3
Altona	8	0	1	7	3	54	1

PENINSULA

DOVETON	3 V	LYNDALE	2
F,PINES	0 V	SS,VALE B	0
F,STON UTD	2 V	S,DANDY	1
P,SULA	5 V	DINGLEY	2
C,BOURNE	0 V	SS,VALE A	0
L,WARN	0 V	S,VALE UTD	7

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
F,pines	9	7	2	0	48	8	16
C,bourn	9	6	2	1	23	6	14
P,sula	9	6	1	2	39	24	13
F,ston	9	6	1	2	28	15	13
Doveton	9	6	0	3	22	31	12
S,vale	9	4	2	3	30	16	10
S,dandy	9	4	1	4	16	17	9
Dingley	9	2	1	6	12	21	5
Ss,vale	9	2	1	6	12	21	5
Ss,vale	9	1	3	5	6	31	5
Lyndale	9	2	0	7	14	21	4
L,warn	9	1	0	8	5	44	2

WESTERN A

MELTON	1 V	GEORGE X	0
BYE	V	N,GEEL	

HOW YOUR TEAM FARED

STATE LEAGUE

FRANKSTON PINES 4
RINGWOOD CITY 0

Frankston Pines revelled in the Monterey Reserve mud and deservedly beat Ringwood City because it adapted much better to the slush of its home-ground and tore the Ringwood defence to pieces.

Ringwood City never looked dangerous and played the wrong game in the very poor conditions.

It only showed some fire and danger when Stuart Thomson and Gary Groenewald came in for Colin Wemyss and John Corvan, but by then the damage was done.

Frankston Pines never played the ball along the ground and with long balls over the wings created havoc in the Ringwood defence. Ally Dick played the match of his life, scoring a hat-trick.

The first after 18 minutes was a beautie. Nine minutes later he took advantage of a defensive error in the Ringwood defence to give Frankston Pines 2-0 up at half time.

The second half was a repetition of the first with Ringwood City not able to change its style of play and when Dick scored his third Ringwood was a depleted team.

Even Michael Maguire could not lift their spirits, missing a penalty awarded when Stephen Maguigan was fouled in the box. By that time, Ringwood was already reduced to 10 men after John Wall received his marching orders for a professional foul on McDonagh.

McDonagh was very lucky only to receive a yellow card, he was as much to blame for this incident as John Wall.

To add to the Ringwood misery J. Ross took the honors of Frankston Pines and goal number four a few minutes from the end.

A miserable day for the visitors who could not handle the conditions.

A well deserved victory for the home team.

H.L.

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ALTONA GATE 2
MORWELL FALCONS 2

Altona Gate hosted the Latrobe Valley Club last Saturday and after losing the toss was a goal down against the wind at half-time.

Falcons scored again early in the second half then Altona took advantage of the strong breeze and pulled back the deficit to bring about the 2-2 draw.

After an early bit of pressure from Altona, the visitors eventually settled down and played the blustery conditions very well.

Joe O'Donnell was denied a score after 20 minutes when he got behind a long cross from Jeff Doyle but 'keeper Stuart Lee made a magnificent save from point blank range.

Effie Cassar, who had a brilliant first half was first to find the net but it was newcomer for Falcons Ron Manley who set up the ball.

Jim McBride sent through a long ball that was skilfully controlled by Manley who held it up just long enough for Cassar to make space on the wing then sent the ball ahead so that Cassar could run it through and the diminutive winger did exactly that and slotted it into the bottom right corner.

Just five minutes into the second half the scoreboard ticked over again when McBride collected a cross from Darko Basara and beat Tom Markovski then, with his left foot, curved the ball around the keeper.

Altona was wuick to answer this one and, in a flurry of pressure, Mendo Ristovski sidefooted the ball across the face of Falcons' goal for George Meorgievski to ease it past Dave Reynolds.

Tortevski and Ilioski were doing very well for Altona's midfield and it looked as though there was to be another score.

With 15 minutes to go Cassar was bowled over and the resultant free was sent into the side netting by Jim Nelson, then Altona went on the break and quickly had the ball into the scoring zone and a cross from Ristovski floated nicely for Gary McMullen to head in the equaliser.

In the dying minutes, Manley was replaced by Billy Wright, but despite some spirited moves from the New Zealander, he just didn't have time to really get going.

E.H.

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CAULFIELD CITY 0
BULLEEN 2

Caulfield City's fall from grace continued as it slumped to a 2-0 home defeat to Bulleen at Princes Park on Saturday.

Full credit must go to Tony Vrzina's Bulleen which attcked from the starting whistle, totally outplaying the home side in an attempt to satisfy its hunger for goals.

Bulleen sewed up the match in just over 20 minutes.

The Caulfield camp must 'really be going through a most frustrating period, after all not making the winners' list since it defeated second-last placed Springvale City way back on May 6 in Round 10; over two months ago.

Bulleen came to Princes Park looking for two points, and had little resistance getting them.

After only 11 minutes a back pass by Caulfield's Kenny Drakeford intended for Steve Dimovski was inter - cepted by Bulleen's Lee O'Keefe, who sprinted 30 metres with the ball before rounding the oncoming 'keeper, Robert Madjer, and sidefooting the ball into the empty net.

Only 10 minutes later the game was a foregone conclusion as Bulleen stretched its lead to 2-0.

O'Keefe beat John Bitsonis on the left wing and crossed to Avadko Lujic. He turned inside the box and chipped the ball to Claude Avian whose diving header from eight metres out decisively beat Madjer.

Minutes before half-time Bulleen came close to pulling further ahead. A free-kick just outside the box was taken by Dom Ruccia, who unleashed a cracking effort, but it hit the wrong side of the post.

The second-half saw Caulfield come out of its shell, but with its players pushing forward in numbers it left holes in the defence.

The victory came at a good time for Bulleen as it provided plenty of added confidence prior to its clash with championship hopeful, Croydon City,in the next round.

As for Caulfield a great deal of soul searching will have to be done between now and its match against Box Hill.

COSTA KOUTROPOULOS

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Victorian League Division One

BROADMEADOW S 2
Doveton 3

Doveton learned its lesson from its last home game, which finished 3-3 in the last few minutes.

This time the boys played their hearts out for the full 90 minutes — every last member of the team, and got their just reward.

Doveton visited a wet and gloomy-looking Broadmeadows, which was unable to host the reserve game due to the waterlogged pitch.

Doveton started in its usual fashion by giving the opponents a goal start, a shot from about 40 metres out just inside the post to give Broadmeadows the lead in the seventh minute.

That seemed to spur Doveton on and it started to use the state of the pitch to its advantage, long balls to the wings and crossed balls into the slushy penalty area for the forwards to cause havoc.

In one such move, Bradley Johnson carried the ball to the goal line and put in a great cross for Billy Auld t score Doveton's first.

In the meantime, the Doves' defence coped quite well with their opponents, J. Stewart, J. Train, P. Thurlow and S. McGuiness, clearing the ball when any danger threatened goal.

In the 15th minute Doveton took the lead through a cross from the left by Auld into the penalty area. The first shot on goal by Bradley Johnson was blocked but Danny Neild followed up to score his first.

The second half was only five minutes old when Doveton was awarded a penalty for hand ball. Neild converted to make it 3-1 and then it was all-out attack in the mud patch.

The Doves mid-field were doing really well with A. Hughes, J. Byrne, J. McDonald and D. Neild winning the ball and setting up chances for more and more attacks, any one of which could have increased the Doves lead.

In the 87th minute Broadmeadows pulled a goal back with another long-range shot which beat diving keeper Billy Whiteside.

Doveton was a relieved side when the referee blew for full time.

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Division Two

COBURG 2
NORTH GEELONG 2

North Geelong was 2-0 down at Coburg at the interval, but with the wind and slope behind it in the second half recovered to draw 2-2 and felt that a win should have been achieved.

Paul Masterton converted a penalty and Danny Ward made space in the centre for young David Cervinski to come powering up from the back to score a spectacular equaliser.

Geelong and Keilor had not scored in the first half but the roof fell in on Geelong in the second as Keilor ran away to a 4-0 win. Coach Hugh McFarlane asked George Best later that night, what value a coach's half-time talk could have, but he is still wondering.

Corio-Geelong United pulled a point closer to the lead in Division Three with a 2-0 away victory over Clarinda.

Brendan Lakic opened the scoring for the Geelong team and Laurie Cicero kept his team in the game by saving a penalty kick awarded to Clarinda.

Paul den Ouden made the points secure with a goal in the second half.

League leader, Bell Park could only draw at home to Eltham/Diamond Valley though several of Park's misses near goal could be blamed on the conditions.

Tommy Cumming came closest with a shot which came back off the post, but the bad news for Park was that striker Mick Oppermann had to be taken to hospital with a suspected broken leg.

Hamlyn Rangers recorded a top-class away win at Regent by three goals to two. Tommy Galloway has switched young Stephen McAuliffe from defence to attack and he has shown the ability to shrug off tackles and score important goals. He did this twice last Saturday with the second being an unstoppable shot into the top corner. Sandwiched between these was another goal by David Walmsley.

In the Provisional Leagues, East Geelong had a victory over Mossfiel Rangers snatched from its grasp as the visitors scored with a last-minute penalty. Sixteen-year-old Tony Bozinovski has given East the lead, but his colleagues missed at least a couple of good chances to add to it.

Brintons scored a 2-2 draw away to Monash University with Paul Mills getting both goals. The big filled the gap left by Ashley McIntyre, who was serving a suspension, and Tony Reed, whose work commitments kept him out.

Roy Hay

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Division Three

BELL PARK 0
ELTHAM DIAMOND VALLEY 0

Eltham-Diamond Valley: Hamilton,Stanaway, Love, Giacomi, Culham, (Jerr 68m), Atkins, Jankulovski, Tucker, Petrucelli, Johannsen, Cirka.

Bell Park: Walker, McNeilage, Rhodes, Czapnik, Scerri, Coutts, Watters, Javatovic (Mills 75m), Cumming, Opperman, (Oritz 72m), Mazza.

WITH three first team regulars missing, Valley went to tackle the league leader and came away with a well deserved point.

In strength-sapping conditions both teams turned in excellent per-formances which kept the crowd well entertained throughout.

Both sides took some time to find their feet and it was 15 minutes before a real chance was created.

Valley's Petrucelli picked up a through ball only to shoot over from eight metres. Valley's best player, Johanssen, had a shot kicked off the line with Walker beaten and then there was a period of dominance by Bell Park with Coutts, Watters and Cumming causing many problems for the visitors.

David Hamilton pulled off two great saves just before half-time and Valley was relieved to go in on level terms.

The second-half began at a furious pace, Johannsen had a fierce shot well saved by Walker, then at other end, Cumming's shot hit the inside of the post and came out.

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NELSON'S COLUMN

I'VE had four or five calls recently enquiring if I knew of any players who were available before the transfer deadline of June 30.

This forced me to put on my thinking cap (my very loose thinking cap, since my hair went the way of Melbourne Hungaria) and guess what, I couldn't come up with any more than two or three names.

● *Nick Lowe*

This inspired me to get on the electric telephone and give one of our most consistent goalscorers of recent years a call.

His name? Douglas "Bomber" Brown.

An hour later I hung up.

Actually my wife Ann came in and cut me off as my laughter was inter-rupting her perfume party.

Dougie told me that not one club had contacted him to see if he was inter-ested in scoring some goals for them.

He isn't by the way, as he's about to become a daddy again and is also very much in demand on the building sites of Mel-bourne plying his trade of plasterer.

I couldn't help thinking, however, that our local soccer scene can't afford to lose a Dougie Brown as easily as that.

There has been some activity on the transfer market however.

My old pal, "Nuggety" Norrie Pate, has moved to Division Two Waverley City from Knox City, and Boronia (Division Four) coach Duncan Smith has tempted Mick Sinclair and Brian Thom to make the short trip over from Knox.

From what I saw of Boronia's home game v Keysborough on Satur-day, I hope they are heavy pitch specialists.

Moving on to Division Three, I see that ex-Ringwood City and Polonia midfielder David Gibson took over as player-coach at Latona City last Thursday.

Expect some de-velopments there shortly as "Gibbo" has his eye on a couple of State League defenders.

Personally I'd love to see Altona City at least, stay in Division Three. It's a great place for soccer and the pitch has always been first rate.

It seems only a couple of years ago that Altona City were in the State League top four, and players of the calibre of Alan Davidson, Stuart Cannell, Peter Lewis and Robert Gramsbergen made them a team to fear.

Also in that good Altona team was see George Watters.

He's now playing down at Bell Park and scoring goals, by God.

George's teammates down there include Greg Czapnik and the mighty atom himself, Tommy Cumming.

Eleven goals from 12 games is good scoring in any league and explains why Park are top of the League.

Another major reason the fine form of keeper Gary Walker, just arrived this season from Scottish junior ranks, who I'm told is State League material at least.

He had another clean sheet in this week's 0-0 draw with Eltham/Diamond Valley.

Moving back up to Division One, Moorool-bark has made a decent start hasn't it?

With Tommy Bailey back as president and Graham French as player-coach it's a return to the salad days of the mid 70s, it would appear.

One of Frenchy's best signings wasn't even a player.

He appinted Nick Lowe, another Moorool-bark NSL player, as assistant coach.

Nicky, of course, had picked up a couple of ideas while playing in England for Oxford United and Halifax Town and I believe he's made quite an impression on the Barkers' training sessions, acquiring the sobriquet of "Sergeant Slaughter".

However, as we all know, you need the players and Johnny Nyholt, Greg House, Gary Hobson, Paul Cooke and Frenchy him-self all have the ex-perience to be there at the end of the season. To finish off this week, I'd like to give you a name to watch — Lee Hutton.

● *David Gibson . . . new player-coach.*

Lee's dad is Bertie Lutton (ex Wolves and South Melbourne star) and it appears that Lee is a chip off the old block.

At Adidas last week Jim Tansey (a very relaxed "Tanse" by the way, now that the Heidelberg coaching vocation is behind him) was telling me that young Lee Lutton, his teammate at Prahran-Brighton, has a real knack for scoring goals. Who knows, maybe he'll turn out to be like another Brighton product, Paul Trimboli. Hear's hoping.

ROB NELSON

● *Doug Brown*

The game swung from end to end with Coutts and Cumming doing most of the damage for the home side and Johanssen and Cirka working tirelessly for Valley.

A draw was a fair result with every player on the Park deserving credit for their efforts throughout the 90 minutes. The referee also deserved a pat on the back for his handling of the match.

Eltham-Diamond Valley extends its sympathy to injured Mick Opperman and wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

GORDON KIRKWOOD

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Division Four

PASCOE VALE 1
CLAYTON 4

Clayton: Mezzadru, Potiri, Pansino, Smith, Broxham, Dilori, Micheloudakis, Pansino, Wells, Calenda, Palleschi, Bastasin, D'Angelo. Pascoe Vale: Vlajnis, Markovski, Rostankovski, Katsis, Dzanouski, Petrouski, Colakovski, Kiosevski, Bergerevic, Theordorlis, Ujgunovski.

IN the first 20 minutes, Pascoe Vale adjusted far better to the wet and muddy conditions and created a few chances.

But at the 26 minute mark, from an overhead kick by Micheloudakis, which was headed on by Calenda, Palleschi ran in to score Clayton's finest goal.

Ten minutes later the combination of Calenda and Palleschi was in action again — this time Micheloudakis followed up to score his first goal for Clayton.

In the second half, Clayton dominated play, scoring two more goals from Calenda and Paleschi. Both from good through balls set up.

From the mid-field with only the keeper to beat, Clayton relaxed for a few minutes to let an early goal in for Pascoe Vale, but this was too late. As Clayton ran out easy winners, with a good 4-1 away win. Best players: Clayton — Wells, Broxham, palleschi, Pascoe Vale — Katsis, Petrouski, Markovski.

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Provisional

SOUTH DANDENONG 7
PORT UNITED 1

South Dandenong: R. Memishi, F. Simsek, R. Lumani, A. Dogan, M. Jusic, J. Elmazovski, J. Rodriguez, B. Lumanovski (S. Fus-66 min.), S. Elmazovski (L. Mustafovski-45 min.), S. Yildirim, H. Sepetci.

PORT: P. Mota, F. Ribeiro, C. Gongalves, H. Periera (R. Da Silva-29 min.), J. Polido, R. Alves, R. Cunha, A. Campos, D. Santos, H. Cunha, A. Gomes.

A CLEARLY under-strength Port United put up a brave showing and kept at it right to the end but after crossing over at the break two goals in arrears, was completely outclassed in the second half.

Central striker, Yildirim, set the home side on its way after five minutes, netting sharply from a Sepetci left wing cross.

Eight minutes later "stand in" goalkeeper Mota fumbled a Sam Elmazovski right wing centre and the loose ball was hammered home by Jim Elmazovski.

For the visitors, Alves, Gomes and Santos all had a good chance to close the gap in the first half but hasty and erratic shooting let them down.

The second half was virtually one-way traffic, only occasionally punctuated with the odd break by Port.

The best goal of the day came one minute into the second half. From a Jim Elmazovski throw in Jorge Rodriguez met the ball first time, scoring powerfully from a full forty metres.

Four mintues later sub-stitute Mustafovski made ground down the right setting up Dogan who registered number for for Dandenong.

It was Mustafovski again down the right, losing and re-gaining possession. His right wing cross was collected by Sepetci who dribbled his way into space before tapping in the fifth goal.

A long ball from Jim Elmazovski which Mota failed to collect cleanly and the rebound was too easy for Yildirim. A minute later Sepetci mesmerised the defence before making it seven for South.

Four minutes from time Santos tucked home his side's single goal from H. Cunha's right wing cross.

A.J. HITCHMAN

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KNOX CITY v. SANDRINGHAM CITY

● *Knox' Marty Wilde gets away from Alun Evans.*

BRIAN JAMES

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that Brunswick Juventus will play Frankston Pines at Bulleen's ground, the Veneto Club, on Sunday.

Whether the ground can stand games on con-secutive days remains to be seen.

This weekend's games, probable winners in capitals:

SATURDAY: Bulleen v Croydon City at Veneto Club, **MORWELL FALCONS** v Fawkner at North Crinigan Reserve.

SUNDAY: Thomastown v Northcote City (draw) at Partridge Reserve, **BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS** v Frankston Pines at Veneto Club Bulleen, **BOX HILL** v Caulfield City at Wembley Park, Green Guly v **ST ALBANS** at Gully Reserve, Maribyrnong v **SPRINGVALE CITY** at Raleigh Reserve, Ringwood city v Altona Gate.

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CLAYTON V MALVERN CITY

LEAGUE — Saturday
BULLEEN V CROYDON CITY
MORWELL FALCONS V FAWKNER

Sunday
THOMASTOWN V NORTHCOTE CITY
BU JUVENTUS V FRANKSTON PINES
BOX HILL V CAULFIELD CITY
GREEN GULLY V ST ALBANS
MARIBYRNONG P/A V SPRINGVALE CITY
RINGWOOD CITY V ALTONA GATE

VIC. LEAGUE
DIVISION 1 — Saturday
DOVETON V WERRIBEE
MOOROOLBARK V BROADMEADOWS CITY
OAKLEIGH V NUNAWADING CITY
SANDRINGHAM CITY V ALBION
ESSENDON CITY V KNOX CITY
WESTGATE V DANDENONG

Sunday
WESTERN SUBURBS V MORDIALLOC

DIVISION 2 — Saturday
NORTH GEELONG V SUNBURY UNITED
RICHMOND V COBURG
HEIDELBERG CITY V DONCASTER ROVERS
YARRAVILLE V PORT MELBOURNE
RINGWOOD UNITED V CLIFTON HILL
KEILOR V BRIGHTON
WAVERLEY CITY V GEELONG

DIVISION 3 — Saturday
SEAFORD UNITED V LALOR UNITED
CORIO/GEELONG UTD V HAWTHORN
MORNINGTON V MOORABBIN CITY
ELTHAM/DIAMOND VALLEY UTD V YALLOURN
HOLLAND PARK V BELL PARK
SPRINGVALE UNITED V CHELSEA
CLARINDA V ALTONA CITY

DIVISION 4 — Saturday
FERNTREE GULLY v HAMLYN RANGERS
CLAYTON V ROSANNA
MORELAND PARK RANGERS V PASCOE VALE
KARINGAL UNITED V LANGWARRIN
WILLIAMSTOWN V E. BRUNSWICK/IVANHOE
KEYSBOROUGH V BENTLEIGH GREENS
REGENT V BORONIA

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE
DIVISION 1 — Saturday
PRAHRAN V MOSSFIEL RANGERS
BERWICK CITY V MELTON
WAVERLEY UNITED V SOUTH YARRA
WEST VALE V WEST MEADOWS
BRUNSWICK CITY V OAKLEIGH SUBURBS
NORTH SUNSHINE V SPRINGVALE CONDORS
EAST GEELONG V MALVERN CITY

DIVISION 2 — Saturday
FRANKSTON UNITED V LALOR
UNI OF MELB. V ASCOT ST MARKS
SOUTH SPRINGVALE V BALLARAT
PORT UNITED V ALTONA EAST
BRINTONS V SOUTH DANDENONG
GLENROY V MONASH UNIVERSITY
FOREST HILL V CRANBOURNE

DIVISION 3 — Saturday
MITCHAM UNITED V NORTH CLAYTON
WANTIRNA V BRANDON PARK
FITZROY CITY V BATMAN UNITED
ALTONA UNITED V MEADOW PARK
LYNDALE UNITED V KEW EAGLES
CARRUM UNITED V MONBULK
RIVERSDALE V RINGWOOD ROVERS

AMATEUR LEAGUE
DIVISION 1 — Sunday
COLLINGWOOD CITY V HAWTHORN UNITED
BYE V PHILLIP INSTITUTE
KEILOR UNITED V WAVERLEY WANDERERS
OAKLEIGH UNITED V NORTHERN UNITED
EAST RICHMOND V DIGGERS REST
LATROBE UNIVERSITY V BALWYN CITY

DIVISION 2 — Sunday
RMIT V CAMBERWELL GRAMMAR
FURLAN UNITED V DIAMOND VALLEY
MACCABI V UPFIELD
CONCORDE V ENDEAVOUR HILLS
OLD SCOTCH V INTERCITY
YARRA UNITED V MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY

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OAKLEIGH: Jim Panoupoulos Under 14, 4 goals v Beaumaris.
SEAFORD UNITED: Dennis Cindric Under 12, 3 goals v Berwick "B"; Jason Gillick Under 16, 3 goals v Dandenong.
MELBOURNE CROATIA: Jozo Marincic Under 12, 3 goals v Bundoora; Josip Sladic Under 12, 3 goals v Bundoora; Lucijano Stolica Under 12, 3 goals v Keon Park.
ALTONA CITY: Tony Mardesic Under 12, 4 goals v Keilor; Chris Papamihail Under 13, 3 goals v Brunswick City.

● THE BEST XI
Back row: Hugh Murney, Terry Hennessy, George Clarke, Danny McCluskey, Berie Lutton, Gerry Clarke, Hugh Graham.
Front row: Sammy Wright, Kaz Kulak, Tim White, George Best, Norm Maitland, Willie Wallace.

● THE NEXT BEST XI
Back row: Roy Walsh, Dave Reynolds, Ian Humble, Paddy Bannon, David Hill, Cec Early, Laurie Hines.
Hammy McMeechan, Jim Tansey, Frank Jackson, George Best, Peter Boyle, Herbie Mayne, Ian Greener.

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SUNSHINE SUB BOOSTS RELEGATION BATTLE

and then when a Lewis header appeared to come off the hands of Nick Oulsakas.

But in both cases referee Peter Spiers waved play on.

Heidelberg's best second-half opportunity came in the 48th minute, but Sunshine keeper Sean Keogh made two successive good saves from hard hit shots in rapid succession from oulsakas and Lucchesi.

At the other end Olver made a good stop from a long range dipping shot by Andrew Marth and the match seemed to be heading for a 0-0 square off.

But the inspired substitution of Morley changed all that.

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ADCITY'S THIRD HOME WIN

thrilling 1-0 win at Olympic Sports Field.

It was a story of lost opportunities for both sides as Melbourne had many chances to equalise but couldn't finish off good work displayed through the midfield.

City too, had many opportunities turned away, mainly because of a superb performance from Melbourne keeper Mate Grgic.

In front of acrowd of about 3,000 the first half belonged to Adelaide City.

A wet and windy second half saw Melbourne get back into the game mainly through the agencies of Ivan Kelic and Zeljko Adzic who both skilfully moved the ball up forward.

Captain Joe Biskic also turned defence into attack on many occasions and Awaritefe, despite his own goal, was impressive.

City striker Steve Maxwell was one of his side's best players along with the nimble Milan Ivanovic, who was superb in defence.

Alex Tobin on a wing also had a good game against the League's second-placed side.

City coach Zoran Matic said his side was forced to take risks to ensure only the third win at home this season.

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MARCONI GIVES SAINTS A LESSON

Defending champion Marconi gave challenger St George a classy 4-0 football lesson in the National Soccer League match at Marconi Stadium on Sunday.

"They were just so much better and showed the difference between a

the difference between a class side and a team of strugglers," said St George captain Andy Koczka.

marconi was in control from the opening whistle but didn't move into top gear until late in the first half.

Zlatko Nastevski, the League's top scorer, broke the St George defence in the 31st minute with a brilliant run which eluded three defenders before angling the ball past outstretched keeper Mike Gibson.

Nine minutes later Marconi midfielder Peter Katholos started a move in his own half which sent Paul Carter away and his pass left Nastevski free to post his second goal and take his season total to 17 with four rounds remaining.

St George tried to get back into the pace but the closest it came to scoring was a 67th minute 25m volley by Alan Pottier which was brilliantly tipped away by keeper Brett Hughes.

Vince Colaguiri converted a Fred de Jong pass in the 70th minute for the third goal and six minutes from time, Gerry Gomez added the fourth after good lead-up work by David Lowe and Colaguiri.

It was the biggest defeat for St George since the opening round 3-0 loss to South Melbourne.

The defence, without the support of injured David Ratcliffe, could not handle the polished runs by Lowe, Nastevski and de Jong while the Saints attack rarely caused any problems.

"I would be struggling to pick a best player because everyone played so well," said Marconi coach Berti Mariani.

"They had a lot to prove against St George after losing 2-0 to them in the first round, as well as restoring esteem and overcoming the pressure of people who expect us to win by a big margin each time we play.

Lowe continually challenged the St George line while Carter and Tom McCulloch, playing his second game back from injury, revelled in the hard midfield work.

Gibson was forced to act as an extra back on occasions to clear the ball outside his penalty area as the speed of the Marconi counter-attacks caught the defence flat-footed with delightfu, first touches and accurate passing.

"They'll be very hard to beat in the remaining rounds and have made our task a little more difficult to reach the semi-finals," said Koozka.

MAN OF THE MATCH:
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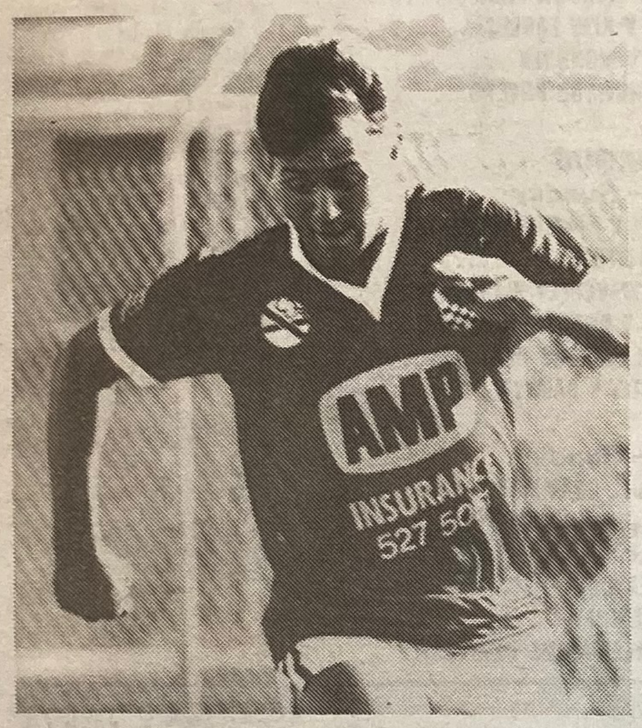

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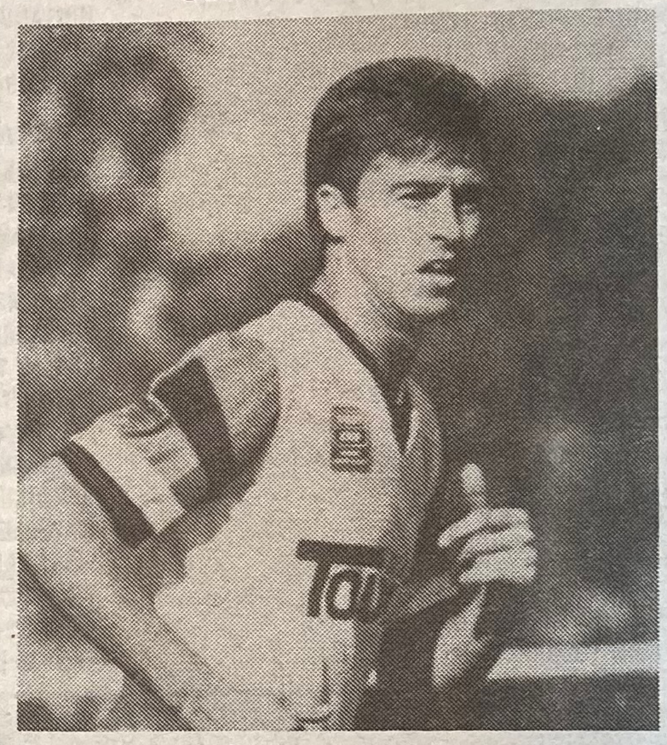

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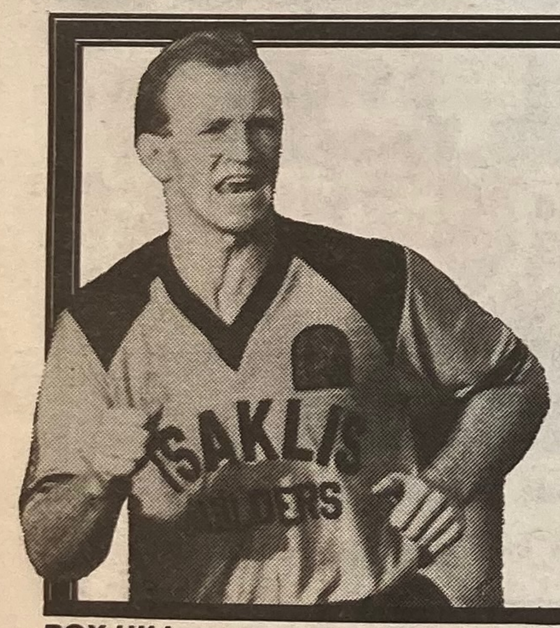

BOX HILL
DIVISION S1
Grade SA: Vilos Re-united 50; Maverick Un 42; Box Hill Buffalos 38; Doncaster Hotspurs 32; Threshold 28; Spartans 16; AGBU 12; Strikeforce 6.
Grade SB: Hawaian Heat 50; Foolovit Un 44; Ousht 42; East Side Gators 36; SPT 28; The Phantoms 20; Boss 12.
Grade SC: Sprouts Un 52 Fwits 42; Flying Leathernecks 36; Raiders 32; Top of the Mark 30; VB Connection 24.
Grade SD: Hustlers 52; Tavern Wanderers 42, Hec's Whingers 40; Kaiser Chiefs 32; Smegma Un. 24; Yea Ya's 24; D. Shaw 18; DV8's 10.

OAKLEIGH
DIVISION S2
Grade SC: Hellenics II 20; Attitude 16; Metal Mania 14; Maccas 14; The Terminators 12; FAB 12; The Sponge Fisherman 4; Auspoms - Out 0.
Grade SD: The Marketing Men 16; Red Army 12; Kaos 12; Two Dogs 12; Wanderers II 8; Revivalist 4; The Butchers 4; The Maneros 0.
DIVISION S1
Grade SD: MCC 38; Olympiakos 36; Unknowns 30; Terminators III 26; Runaway Boys 24; The A1 Hawks 18; VAT 69 8.
Grade SE: Faster Pussycat 52; Concorde 44; Dribblers 40; KGMF 24; OHS Old Boys 20; Unorganised Kaos 4.
Grae SF: Daily Planet 54; Internationals 38; SMB 34; Death Gods of Gor 32; Pump City (ex Naturals) 24; The Mean Machine 20; Fatal Attraction 16.
Grade SA: Magnificent 7 48; The Wanderers 48; Busta Hymens 44; Mauritius 38; The Dipsomaniacs 20.
Grade SB: Hellenics 46; SMR 38; Malakas United 36; Clika 34; Milano 34; Mauritius 2 32.
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